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APPEAL TO SHELTERERS

LIGHTS LEFT BURNING

The necessity for people taking great care to extinguish all the lights at their homes before going to the tunnel for shelter was emphasised at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Mrs. Constance Mary Crow, aged 26, of Margate-road, pleaded guilty to permitting a light to show at her home after black-out on the night of 27th March.

Inspr. Noakes said he saw a light shining from the rear of defendant's home at 11.40 p.m. The light was shining through the french windows. He was able to enter through the window and extinguish the light. He refastened the window and left by way of the front door. The french window was covered by a curtain but the texture was not thick enough to prevent the light from being seen for a considerable distance.

Defendant said she went to the tunnel for shelter earlier in the evening. She had to return for something which she had forgotten and when she left the house again she forgot to turn off the light. Her husband was serving in the Army.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that defendant would be fined 5s.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said he wished to appeal to the public once again that those using the tunnel shelters should make sure the lights at their homes were extinguished. This was the second case of a similar type in a few days.

The Chairman, endorsing what the Chief Inspector had said, said it was possible they would get more bombing and every precaution should be taken to see that no lights were visible.

SMILING AND ZEALOUS

THANKFUL MARGATE PARISH

"We are at the beginning of a year that is important to the whole world, yet let us keep smiling and zealous," said the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Bevington, at the annual parochial meeting of St. John's Church, Margate.

Stating that the past year had been more difficult than ever, the Vicar thanked the Revs. A. Mapson, curate, and expressed gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Anderson, who had carried out the duties of hon. priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Church, Dane-road.

The provisional financial statement presented by Mr. C. C. Maughan announced a slight reduction in the debt which stood at £78 6s. 8d. last year, and the electoral roll showed a decrease of 16 to 1,850.

The report of the Church Council, 75 per cent. of whose members are still away from the district, was presented by Mr. C. R. Beaumont, hon. secretary, and recorded sincere thanksgiving for the preservation of the ancient parish church.

"The condition of the properties in the immediate vicinity," stated the report, "reveals that our grand heritage, the parish church, has been the centre of wanton destruction on the part of the enemy on several occasions, and yet it stands four-square, unscathed, to continue, please God, to bear witness to the eternal truths and to minister fully to the needs of all."

HERESON OLD BOY MISSING

Mrs. Dixon, of 2 Chatham-place, Ramsgate, has been informed that her son, Gnr. Robert V. Dixon, R.A., has been posted as missing in Malaya.

An old boy of Hereson School and the eldest of a family of seven, Gnr. Dixon joined the Territorials in 1938 when he was employed by Messrs. Willett, of King-street, Ramsgate.

The last news Mrs. Dixon received from her son was a letter posted on 16th December last, which reached her on 16th January.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 9.23 p.m.	—6.36 a.m.
Wednesday	9.25 p.m.	—6.34 a.m.
Thursday	... 9.27 p.m.	—6.32 a.m.
Friday	... 9.28 p.m.	—6.30 a.m.
Saturday	... 9.30 p.m.	—6.28 a.m.
Sunday	... 9.32 p.m.	—6.26 a.m.
Monday	... 9.33 p.m.	—6.23 a.m.

FAR-REACHING ENQUIRIES

RAMSGATE MEN AGAIN REMANDED

A further remand until 4th May was ordered by the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate on Monday when Henry Frost, aged 26, and Horace Bodley, aged 17, both unemployed, of West Dumpton-lane, Ramsgate, were charged on remand with breaking and entering Hamilton Lodge, Bishop's-avenue, Broadstairs, on 19th March, and stealing a quantity of clothing, the property of Mr. H. F. B. Iles, a member of the Bench.

Repeating evidence of arrest on Monday, D/C Self said he saw Bodley at his home on 19th March and told him he would be arrested for store-breaking. He was taken to the police station and later witness saw Frost in Prestedge-avenue, Ramsgate. Both men made statements.

Applying for a further remand, Inspr. Ham said enquiries were not yet completed and had proved more far-reaching than the police had expected. There was no objection to bail.

Defendants were remanded, bail being allowed.

WOUNDED BUT SAFE

RAMSGATE DEPUTY MAYOR'S GRANDSON

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Prime, of Deal, and grandson of Alderman T. W. Mockridge, Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate, Bdr. Cecil W. L. Prime, R.A., is lying wounded in a military hospital at Bombay.

Bdr. Prime left England in October for the Far East and it is thought that he went to Malaya.

Twenty-two years of age, Bdr. Prime was married less than a year ago to Miss Phyllis Cresswell.

SICK FAMILY

WHY CAR WAS NOT IMMOBILISED

Reginald Cecil Gardener, aged 60, licensee of the Sportsman Inn, Sandwich-road, was fined £1 at Ramsgate police court on Monday for failing to immobilise his car on 4th April.

In a letter to the court defendant stated that he and his family were sick at the time. They went to bed at 9.20 p.m. and forgot to take the rotor arm from the car. He had been driving for 34 years without committing any serious offence.

P/C Hart said that at 1.10 a.m. on 4th April he found a section of the door of the garage adjoining the Sportsman Inn was ajar and the rotor arm had not been removed from defendant's car, which was inside. He saw defendant, who said "I am sorry, officer, I put the car away at seven o'clock this evening and forgot to immobilise it. I usually do so as I have difficulty in securing the garage. I have three people here sick, and that is the reason."

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant's statement was perfectly true, for had the car not previously been left without being immobilised it would have been found.

MR. E. A. KNIGHT

CONGRATULATED

At a sitting of the Ramsgate borough magistrates on Friday Mr. E. A. Knight was congratulated upon his appointment as Clerk to the Justices.

On behalf of the solicitors practising at the court, Mr. E. C. Allfree (Messrs. Sladden and Allfree) complimented Mr. Knight upon his appointment and the magistrates upon their selection.

Having known Mr. Knight since 1898, when he was assistant clerk, Mr. Allfree said no one was better qualified to hold the position for which he had been appointed.

Chief Inspr. H. G. Butcher, on behalf of the police, added his congratulations.

Mr. H. J. Perry, who presided over the bench, said their selection of Mr. Knight to succed the late Mr. Thorn Drury was unanimous and showed what confidence the magistrates reposed in him.

Returning thanks, Mr. Knight said he was glad to know the appointment met with the approval of members of the legal profession and the police. If had, he added, always been a great pleasure to work with the police at Ramsgate and there had not been a word of discord between him and the Chief Constable during the 26 years Mr. Butler had been in harness.

ILLNESS OF EX-MAYORESS

Her many friends will learn with regret of the serious illness of Mrs. C. Nixon, a former Mayoress of Ramsgate.

Ex-Alderman and Mrs. Nixon left Ramsgate for the west of England in 1940 but returned to their home in Chapel-place last summer.

Reference to the illness of Mrs. Nixon was made at a meeting of the Thanet branch of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men, held at Ramsgate, on Monday, when it was decided to send a letter expressing best wishes for her speedy recovery.

It was decided to send a similar letter to Miss I. Gray, of Margate, who is a patient in the Margate and District General Hospital.

GAVE FALSE NAME AND ADDRESS

RAMSGATE DEALER'S RIDE IN THE DARK

When William George Debling, aged 40, dealer, of Elisabeth Cottages, Packer's-lane, was summoned at Ramsgate police court on Monday for riding a cycle without front or rear lights on the night of 31st March he stated that he gave a false name and address because the police officer who stopped him was in plain clothes and did not produce his warrant card.

"He might have been a German agent or a fifth columnist so far as I knew," declared Debling.

W/R Kemp said that at 10.45 p.m. on 31st March he saw defendant riding a bicycle along Margate-road and turn into St. Luke's-avenue. Witness followed on his cycle and caught defendant up at the warden's post. The cycle had neither front nor rear lights nor a reflector. Defendant said the lamps had been "knocked off." Witness asked defendant to produce his identity card but he said he had not got it with him. He gave his name as George West and an address in Brighton-street. Witness asked him for some verification defendant replied in such a manner as to make him think that his statement was not true. Witness said he would accompany defendant to his home and on the way they met P/S Lawley, of Bromley knew defendant and defendant then produced his identity card from a wallet in his pocket.

In reply to defendant the officer said he was not in uniform and he did not produce his warrant card until defendant asked to see it.

"You might have been a German agent or a fifth columnist," said defendant.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant had not been in trouble since August, 1937.

The Magistrates Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): He has had some mishap I believe?

Chief Inspr. Butcher: Yes, a train and a machine-gunned and defendant was in it.

Announcing that defendant would be fined 5s. the Chairman (Mr. J. Perry) remarked "I can understand that if this man (the police officer) was in mufti you might have thought he was a fifth columnist. I expect you knew he was a policeman."

Defendant: If I had thought he was someone else I should have taken him for a walk. If he had produced his warrant card I should not have given a wrong name and address.

Chief Inspr. Butcher: If the officer did not produce his warrant card I apologise. It is usual for an officer to do so when not in uniform.

SOUTH-EASTERN CHAMPIONS

MARGATE WIN FIRST AID CUP

Beating the other finalists from Brighton, Littlehampton, Bexhill, Walton and Weybridge at Tunbridge Wells on Sunday, Margate won the first aid championship of the Casualty Services in the S.E. Region.

The winning team to whom Lord Monsell, the Regional Commissioner, presented the silver challenge cup he had offered for competition comprised:

First Aid Party—Mrs. Mitchell (leader), W. C. Smith, F. J. Hancock, G. T. Hunt, Head of Margate F.P. Staff and J. J. Jones (driver, Woodford House).

Sitting case car driver—G. W. Jarratt (Clinic Transport).

Ambulance driver—A. Pullinger (Clinic Transport). Attendant—Mrs. H. M. Phillips (Woodford House).

First Aid Post—Mrs. F. Lowe (sister), Mrs. A. M. Atkins (lay superintendent), Miss E. G. Enderby, Miss N. J. Doughty, Mrs. L. G. Fuller, Mrs. N. Harris and Mrs. P. E. Angell (nursing auxiliaries), and S. Griffiths (orderly).

Accompanying the team were Dr. G. L. Brocklehurst, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Mackenzie, R.A.M.C., who assisted in training them, and Sgt. M. Bodley, Margate Ambulance Corps, who also helped in training.

The Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, Councillor A. E. Abbott and his Chief Constable, W. V. Palmer, were among the first to congratulate the winners.

Teams from Littlehampton and Bexhill came second and third.

CHRISTMAS IN THE DESERT

Son of Mrs. P. Stone, of 4 Minnis-road, Birchington, Pte. R. H. Stone, who took part in a successful engagement in Libya in which 40 tanks and lorries were destroyed and several hundred prisoners were taken, is in hospital recovering from the wounds in his head sustained when he came off a captured German armoured cycle.

In letters home Pte. Stone describes how he spent Christmas Day in a dug-out on the outer defences of Bardia. Although Christmas presents in the shape of shells whizzed over and it was cold and cheerless, some of them had roast potatoes and mail reached them.

"So," he writes, "we got the fires lund and started going and had roast meat and potatoes, tinned vegetables and pickles, followed by Christmas pudding and cream and wound up with coffee and German cigars. We had with us a radio from N.A.A.F.I. which we had re-captured from the Germans and we lay on the rocks listening to Daventry and the King's speech. The next day we were withdrawn behind the line."

RETURN FROM ITALY

BROADSTAIRS MAN REPATRIATED

A strange memento of the war is being brought home by Sgt.-Major Ernest John Hillman, Royal Artillery, one of the exchanged British prisoners of war from Italy.

It is a pair of scissors with which he was operated on after he had sustained a severe injury to his left arm in the fighting at Fort Capuzzo, Libya.

Anxiously awaiting his return are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hillman, of Stoneleigh, Granville-road, Broadstairs.

First news that Mr. and Mrs. Hillman had that their son was among the exchanged wounded prisoners was when a soldier called at the house and showed them a newspaper report stating that he was on board the Llandovery Castle when she docked at Smyrna. The repatriated prisoners have now reached Cairo.

When war broke out, Sgt.-Major Hillman had just completed 21 years' service, most of which was spent abroad. His wife joined him in Egypt before the war and about the time of the first Libyan campaign she was evacuated to Durban.

It is thought that Sgt.-Major Hillman was taken prisoner during the first Libyan campaign. About a year ago his parents received a card from him at Camp 59, PM 3300, Italy.

He was allowed to write only ten lines once a month on a postcard but he told his parents that his left arm was almost useless.

A card sent by him on 4th March this year stated "Arm still the same. Roll on this lot."

On a card posted the previous month he said "Hope not much longer to be away."

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman have another son, Herbert (Curly), in the balloon barrage section of the R.A.F., and a grandson, Bobby, on a Royal Navy training ship.

Mr. J. M. Campbell

DEATH OF MARGATE MAGISTRATE

The death occurred at Castle Hotel, Largs, Scotland, on Sunday, Mr. John McKay Campbell, J.P., for 31 years engineer and general manager of the Isle of Thanet Gas Company Ltd., Margate.

Mr. Campbell, who retired recently, had for many years been honorary treasurer to Margate Hospital and was re-elected to the position at the annual meeting weeks ago.

A member of the Margate borough bench, Mr. Campbell was prominently associated with the Thanet Caledonian Society and many charitable organisations in the borough.

ESCAPE FROM MALAYA

WIFE WITHOUT NEWS OF HUSBAND

Although his wife and baby daughter have reached England from Malaya, Mr. Pym Carey, who was for several years in business as a tobacconist in High-street, Ramsgate, is another from whom no news has been received since the fall of Singapore.

Mr. Carey left Ramsgate some years before the war broke out to take up the more open-air life of a rubber planter in northern Malaya. In December, to avoid capture by the Japanese, Mrs. Carey and her child were ordered out of their home, and they were followed two days later by Mr. Carey. They had had to leave everything behind them.

On the way south they called at the estate of Mr. Carey's brother Robert, but he had already been called up as a Volunteer and was acting as liaison officer in Johore.

When Mrs. Carey and her baby left for England on 31st December, Singapore was still taking things very quietly—in fact war seemed a very long way off."

When Mr. Pym Carey last wrote to his wife on 25th January he was a lieutenant in the Malay Regiment stationed at Singapore. Another brother Ronald was also there.

HOSPITAL FLAG DAY AT BROADSTAIRS

The sum of £56 6s. 6d. was raised as a result of the flag day held at Broadstairs on Saturday on behalf of Reine and Margate Hospitals.

The organiser, Mrs. B. J. Pearson, wishes to thank the collectors for their services and the public for their response to the appeal. Having regard to the circumstances the collection is considered a good one.

The collectors and the amounts collected were:

Mrs. Pantony, 4s. 0½d.; Miss Pantony, 6s. 9½d.; Miss Bell, 6s. 1½d.; Miss Latchford, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Hancock, £2 3s. 10½d.; Mrs. Saunders, £1 1s. 0½d.; Mrs. Ware, £1 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Street, £1 12s. 7d.; Mrs. Austin, 4s. 3½d.; Mrs. Shelley, 16s. 6d.; Mrs. Goddard, £1 16s. 7½d.; Mrs. Wigginton, 8s. 6d.; Mrs. Wigginton, 9s. 4½d.; Miss Reeves, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Summers, £1 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Harriman, £1 5s. 2d.; Miss Holton, 9s. 3d.; Mrs. Thomas, £1 16s. 6d.; Miss Tank, 12s. 10d.; Miss Bryne, 14s. 7d.; Mrs. Austin, 4s. 3½d.; Mrs. Shelley, 16s. 6d.; Mrs. Goddard, £1 16s. 7½d.; Mrs. Wigginton, 8s. 6d.; Mrs. Wigginton, 9s. 4½d.; Miss Reeves, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Summers, £1 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Harriman, £1 5s. 2d.; Miss Holton, 9s. 3d.; Mrs. Thomas, £1 16s. 6d.; Miss Tank, 12s. 10d.; Miss Bryne, 14s. 7d.; Mrs. Walby, £1 9s. 3½d.; Mrs. Ralph, 14s. 11½d.; Mrs. Goddard, £1 16s. 7½d.; Mrs. Bowers, 11s.; Mrs. Dearle, 8s. 4½d.; Mrs. Padbury, 7s. 9d.; Miss Pearson, 12s.; Miss Sampson, 8s. 4½d.; Miss Emptage, £1 6s.; donation, 10s.

A NAVAL HERO

PASSING OF MR. A. C. BISHOP, D.S.M., M.S.M.

A lower deck naval rating who held the unique distinction of having been in command of a destroyer in action, Mr. Archibald Charles Bishop, D.S.M., M.S.M., passed away at his home, Tyrwhitt, 102, Broadstairs, Broadstairs, on Thursday, aged 70 years.

A native of Broadstairs, where he was widely esteemed, and a member of a well-known seafaring family, Mr. Bishop, who possessed seven decorations, returned to his home town upon his discharge from the Navy in 1920 and for 16 years held the position of Water Inspector under the Urban District Council. He had completed 21 years as tyler of the Broadstow Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2448, and was also tyler of the Kingsgate Lodge, No. 4882.

Mr. Bishop had been seriously ill for some months and his death followed his return from Canterbury Hospital, where he recently underwent an operation.

Early Days at Sea

Joining the training ship Boscawen at Portland when he left school at the age of 15, "Archie" Bishop, after three and a half years' training, went to the Revenue cutter Eagle, whose chief duty it was to keep a sharp look-out for smugglers. The Eagle spent most of her time off the Dogger Bank preventing Dutch herring trawlers from trading contraband with the local fishing fleet. During his first year on the Eagle, Seaman Bishop was one of the ship's company chosen to form a guard of honour for King Edward VII (then Prince of Wales) at the opening of the new Forth Bridge.

From the Eagle, Seaman Bishop went to H.M.S. Active, flagship of the training squadron, and made frequent voyages to the North Cape and Iceland. Later in the Basilisk, a full-rigged ship, with steam as reserve, he spent three and a half years in the East Indies.

Anxious to extend his knowledge beyond sail and steam, Seaman Bishop afterwards went through courses at the gunnery School at Sheerness and the Torpedo School at Portsmouth, qualifying as a seaman gunner and torpedoman and when torpedoes and depth charges were still in their infancy, and after six months' service in the thick of the fight on 28th August at the battle of Heligoland, in which he played a distinguished part.

Alone on the Bridge.

Opening fire from a range of 800 yards on the crack German ship Mainz, which had ten times the gun Laurel's three, the Laurel succeeded in getting a torpedo into the enemy although the ship of her commander was sunk by a salvo from the Mainz. A British light cruiser afterwards sank the Mainz but for the part he took in the engagement C/P/O Bishop was on the bridge alone, the commander of the Laurel as the captain, shot through both legs, was lying unconscious at his feet. The only other person on the bridge was the voice-tube man and about the only thing that had not jammed was the wheel. Nevertheless C/P/O Bishop manoeuvred the Laurel until she was taken in tow while the defects were made good, and she finally arrived at Chatham under her own steam.

For the most seamanlike manner in which he fought his ship throughout the action, Mr. Bishop was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, which was presented to him at Buckingham Palace by King George V. He was also recommended for a commission but declined to take it.

On her first voyage after undergoing repairs the Laurel picked up survivors from the Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy.

Following a number of minor engagements, the Laurel had the distinction of sinking the German battleship Blucher off the Dogger Bank and picking up about 30 of the crew who, after the enemy vessel had been sunk by torpedo aeroplane started bombing the destroyer and prevented the rescue of the remainder.

At the battle of Jutland the Laurel, acting as submarine escort to the Indefatigable, which was hit with all hands, afterwards rescued a number of survivors of the Queen Mary.

Sank German Submarine.

For a time the Laurel was engaged in escorting American and Canadian troops to France. It was while escorting a convoy of troopships in 1918 that Mr. Bishop gained the Meritorious Service Medal for sinking a German submarine. He was then in command of No. 30 Fire Force a trailer kitchen. On the side of the kitchen are the words "Bishop's Kitchen" and the long Service medal.

When he returned to Broadstairs Mr. Bishop named his house after the admiral under whom he had served at Heligoland. He was one of the members of the Broadstairs British Legion to form a guard of honour when the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VIII, visited Thanet.

Married in 1905, Mr. Bishop is survived by his wife and daughter.

The Funeral.

The interment took place at St. Peter's on Monday, and was preceded by a service in the church conducted by the curate-in-charge (Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith).

The cortege was led by a Royal Naval detachment and included members of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association.

The family mourners included Messrs. William and Thomas Bishop (brothers) and Mr. and Mrs. Adams (son-in-law and daughter).

Members of the Bradstow Lodge of Freemasons were also present and floral tributes included those from the Freemasons and the Old Comrades.

STILL GOING STRONG

M.K. and K.M. OFFICERS

Although many members are now away from the district, the Thanet branch of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men, the annual meeting of which was held at Ramsgate Library on Monday, still has a membership of 285.

The branch president, Mr. C. C. Maughan, occupied the chair and among messages of good wishes to the branch were those from Capt. H. H. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, Mr. W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner for New Zealand, Flt. Lt. J. C. Maughan, Alderman Hicks, of Sandwich, and Mr. E. A. Gardner, secretary of the parent association.

Moving the adoption of the statement of accounts the acting honorary treasurer (Col. C. S. F. Witts) said that considering the number of members who were away from the district the membership (Mrs. M. E. Knighton) was to be congratulated on having managed so well. The bulk of the work had fallen upon her. Considering all the circumstances the balance sheet was most satisfactory.

The chairman pointed out that at Christmas they distributed £7 10s. to necessitous persons and in addition donations of £5 each were made to five persons—four in Ramsgate and one in Margate—who had suffered by enemy action. They had a balance at the end of the year of £12 5s. 9d. and at the end of the present year that would reach about £25.

The chairman then read a letter from the vice-chairman (Mr. A. Powell) suggesting that they should make a donation of £5 to the Kent Spitfire Fund.

Mr. J. Summers said he thought it was more important to look after necessitous persons.

The association did not exist to look after necessitous persons, said Mr. Maughan. There were not the necessitous cases to-day that there usually were. "It is sometimes a little difficult to find cases that need help," said Mr. Maughan, who added that they would still be in a position to make the customary Christmas gifts to the poor.

On the proposition of Alderman T. W. Mockridge it was decided to adopt Mr. Powell's suggestion.

The president, the vice-presidents (Miss I. Gray, Mr. W. Booth Reeve, Col. S. H. Page, Mr. C. S. J. Taylor and Alderman Hicks), the chairman (Major Powell), the vice-chairman, the hon. treasurer, the hon. auditor (Mr. C. W. Hensman), the hon. secretary and the committee were re-elected.

N.F.S. RESERVE CAMP CANTEEN

Tucked away in the spacious grounds of country mansions are two S.E. Region National Fire Service Reserve Camps where men go for a fortnight of intensive training.

At one of these camps last week there was an impressive display and parade at which Lt.-Col. D. C. Unwin-Simson, representing the High Commissioner for Canada, presented to No. 30 Fire Force a trailer kitchen. On the side of the kitchen are the words "Bishop's Kitchen" and the long Service medal.

With affectionate greetings from the citizens of Guelph and Wellington County, Ontario, to their brave brothers and sisters in the N.F.S.'

Whist Drives held every evening, commencing Thursday, at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-street, at 7 p.m.

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RAMSGATE

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd
8.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

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When you have paper, cardboard, or old books waiting for collection, put a card in your window marked "P."

Leave your waste in a conveniently dry spot for them to collect.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY BALL

FAMOUS BAND TO VISIT RAMSGATE

By permission of the Air Council, the dance section of the famous Royal Air Force Central Band will provide the music for the St. George's Day ball to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 23rd April.

The ball is in aid of a very deserving cause—the Mayor's Troops' Comforts Fund—and the demand for tickets is expected to be so great that admission will be strictly reserved.

Tickets, at 3s. each, can be obtained at the West Cliff Theatre, or from Mrs. Peete, Clarendon House.

FOR RUSSIAN HORSES

The sum of nearly £60 was raised at Ramsgate on Saturday by the flag day held under the auspices of the R.S.P.C.A. by voluntary workers in aid of the Russian horses.

The collectors and the amounts collected were:

Mrs. Nicholls, £1 13s. 8d.; Mr. Wing, £2 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Todd, £3 13s.; Mrs. Johncock, 16s. 11d.; Mrs. Baker, 15s. 9d.; Miss Keye, 6s.; Mr. Green, £1 11s.; Miss Baker, £1 6s.; Miss Mottam, 5s. 11d.; Mrs. Dowland, 14s. 6d.; Mrs. Watcombe Dyer, £1 Miss Phoenix, £1 12s. 7d.; Mrs. Ellistone, £1 2s. 10½d.; Mrs. Cook, £1 11s. 6d.; Miss Howells, £1 5s. 7½d.; Matron, General Hospital, 12s. 9d.; Mr. Britton, £ 12s. 7d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £1 13s. 11d.; Mrs. Lewis, £1 10s. 3d.; Miss Clutterbuck, £1 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Foster, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Weymouth, £1 6s.; Mrs. Morgan, 13s. 1½d.; Mrs. Sutton Smith, 19s. 9d.; Miss Edgar, 8s. 5d.; Miss Hales, 12s. 5d.; St. George's Restaurant, 4s. 11d.; Mrs. Clark, 2s. 8d.; Mr. Tucker, 2s.; Mrs. Hawkins, 15s. 4d.; Miss Bayley, £1 17s. 6d.; Miss LeGallais, £1 11s. 2d.; Miss Harmer, 5s. 9d.; Miss Thornton, 7s. 8d.; Chatham and Post Office, 1s. 7d.; Post Office, 2s. 3d.; Salvation Army Canteen, 1s. 2d.; Mr. Holness, Ellington Fire Station, 16s. 4d.; Mr. Ashby, Ellington Fire Station, 15s. 8d.; Mr. Lewis, Northwood Fire Station, £2 12s.; Mr. Cleveland, Northwood Fire Station, 5s.; Mrs. Odeon Theatre, £1 11s. 11d.; King's Theatre, £3 1s. 3d.; Mr. Aird, 9d.; Hengrove, 4s. 5d.; Fletchers, 12s.; Boweries, 1s. 3d.; David Greigs, 11d.; The Worlds Stores, 6d.; Marpols Ltd., 1s. 9d.; International Ltd., 9d.; Liptons Ltd., 6d.; Social Club, 9d.; Mrs. Thom, £1 5s. 6d.; Mr. Coudgman, 2s.; Mrs. Solly, Manston, £6 1s. 11d.; the Military, 14s.; Mr. Martin, Manston, 5s. 6d.; Miss Solly, £1 7s. 4d.; Mr. Walter, 2s. 7d.; Mrs. Smith, 5s. 6d.; Miss Brooke, £1 5s.; Dewhurst, 10s. 1s. 6d.

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SHED wanted, suitable for cycles. Keldene, Roman-road, Ramsgate.

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18	—	1/6	2/3	3/-	5/-	9/-	15/-	27/-
21	—	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-
24	—	2/-	3/-	4/-	7/-	13/-	21/-	39/-
27	—	2/3	3/6	4/6	8/-	15/-	24/-	45/-
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SITUATIONS VACANT

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WOMEN WORKERS

None of the advertisements in this column relates to a woman between 20 and 30 unless such a woman (a) has living with her a child of hers under the age of 14, or (b) is registered under the Blind Persons Acts, or (c) has a Ministry of Labour permit to allow her to obtain employment by individual effort.

N.B.—This does not apply to Teachers at recognised schools, members of the Nursing Profession, or to Agricultural Workers.

ROUNDSMAN or Roundswoman wanted.—Apply, Pages Dairies, Victoria-road, Ramsgate. †13

RESPONSIBLE Draper required as first man in household and fancy linens, soft furnishings and piece goods departments, capable of control of staff under principal.—Apply, George Hatton Ltd., Biggin-street, Dover, by letter in first instance. †13

BETHLEM Royal Hospital (for Mental and Nervous Disorders), Monks Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent.—Vacancies exist for a limited number of educated Young Women between the ages of 18 and 30, who wish to train as mental nurses; the hospital is recognised as a training school by the General Nursing Council, and facilities are provided for students who wish to take their general training after obtaining their certificate in mental nursing; commencing salary 25s. per week; no deduction for board, lodging and laundry; ration allowance paid during periods of annual leave; hours of duty 54 per week. —Apply the Matron.

SITUATIONS available in greyhound racing kennels (London tracks); wages £2 per week; living accommodation found; holidays with pay; Youths 16-18 years, experienced in hound or stable work, preferred.—Write, Box 150, c/o Pool's Advertising Service, Brettenham House, Strand, London, W.C.2.

REMOVALS & STORAGE

HARDINGS Removal Service for removals to all parts by modern motor van; loads and part-loads required every day to and from London area; furniture warehoused for any period; estimates free; compare our charges with those of others.—Send postcard or call, Hardings, Removers and Storers, Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate. 'Phone 200.

FOR SALE

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LITERARY

AUTHORS invited submit MSS (especially Fiction and Poems) to London Publishers of 43 years' standing; advice free.—Stockwell Ltd., Elmscourt, Ilfracombe (duration address). 09

MISCELLANEOUS

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WOMEN'S CHAT

NATIONAL FAVOURITES

National flour—the food with that "little something" which is so necessary for war-time fitness—is to replace ordinary white flour in our kitchens.

You will like it. You will find it as easy to use as any other flour to which you have been accustomed so long as you remember three simple rules.

The first rule when using national flour is to add a little more liquid for mixing. The second is to allow a little longer cooking time. The third is to be extra careful about rubbing the margarine papers round the baking tins in order to grease them thoroughly, or alternatively, instead of greasing your tins, you may coat them with dry flour. Another tip when using national flour—if your family like their food well seasoned you will find that dishes made from this flour will "carry" extra salt and pepper.

Try these recipes on your next baking day. They are chosen from a series made and tested in the Ministry of Food kitchen.

Savoury Pasties (for 4 people).

3 ozs. any kind of minced meat
1 dessertspoonful chopped parsley
½ teaspoonful mixed sweet herbs
4 ozs. mixed grated or shredded vegetables
1 tablespoonful sauce
Salt and pepper

For the pastry—

4 ozs. national flour
2 ozs. cooking fat
2 ozs. cooked mashed potato

Make and roll out the pastry to a long narrow strip. Lay the filling down the centre, fold the pastry over and seal edges to form a long sausage-like shape. Cut with a knife into about 8 portions. Bake in a moderate oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot with vegetables and gravy or cold as a carried meal or informal snack.

Prune Roly (for 4 people).

8 ozs. national flour
2 teaspoonfuls baking powder
1 tablespoonful syrup
½ teaspoonful cinnamon
2 teaspoonfuls sugar
2 ozs. breadcrumbs
2 to 4 ozs. prunes
1 oz. cooking fat
Pinch of salt

Blend flour, baking powder and salt. Mix to a scone consistency with milk and water. Roll out, spread with prunes, syrup, sugar and cinnamon. Form into a roll. Melt the fat in a roasting tin and when hot put in the roll, turning it in the fat. Bake for 1 hour.

REPAIRED HIS HOME

COURT ALLEGATIONS

DRIVER SENT FOR TRIAL

A man alleged to have repaired his home and to have erected and equipped a bathroom with materials salvaged from a R.A.F. camp was committed for trial at Kent Assizes by Ramsgate county magistrates on Tuesday.

The defendant, William Baynton Johnstone, lorry driver, formerly employed by the R.A.F., of Beaconsfield House, Haine, was charged with stealing a quantity of tools, building materials and other goods, value £45 14s. 3d., the property of the Air Ministry and N.A.A.F.I., between 12th August, 1940, and 9th March, 1942. There was a further charge under the Defence Regulations of stealing the property from an area which had been subjected to attack by the enemy.

An Anonymous Letter.

During the hearing a question by Mr. A. R. Young, who represented the defendant, elicited the fact that the receipt of an anonymous letter first led the police to visit Johnstone's home on 9th March.

Mr. E. A. Morling, who prosecuted for the police, said that at all material times defendant was a lorry driver in the employ of the R.A.F. and had access to a dump where articles salvaged were placed for attention later. In all he was alleged to have taken some 75 articles and he was assisted in doing so by the fact that he kept his lorry outside his house. In it he used to bring back anything he thought might be useful to him.

Asking that the case should be sent for trial, Mr. Morling added "It appears to be one in which the defendant has profited considerably at the expense of the misfortunes of other people."

Flt. Sgt. Gerald Lorenzo Halliwell, R.A.F., said that on 15th March he examined a quantity of tools and materials shown to him by P/S Wilkinson, K.C.C. He identified them all as being the property of the Air Ministry although the distinctive marks on some of the tools had been slightly obliterated by filing. None of the property should have been taken away.

A list of the articles identified by witness was handed to the bench, together with a price list giving the value of the goods as £14 9s. 3d.

Sidney Lees, civilian clerk of works employed by the Air Ministry Works Department, stated that he identified as belonging to the department some of the tools and materials shown to him by Sgt. Wilkinson on 16th March.

A list of the articles identified by this witness was also handed to the bench.

No Permission to Remove.

Lees added that no one had permission to take away any of the articles, all of which were usable with the exception of a Yale lock with key, a small electric fuse box and the window sashes. He valued all the articles at £30 10s.

Dorothy Blundell, N.A.A.F.I. manageress, identified a galvanised iron bin shown to her by the police as the property of her employers and valued it at 15s.

Sgt. F. Wilkinson, K.C.C., stated that at 11.30 a.m. on 9th March he went with P/C Thompson, K.C.C., and D/C Ashby, Ramsgate borough police, to Beaconsfield House, Haine, Ramsgate, where he saw the defendant. He told Johnstone he was making enquiries regarding a large quantity of material alleged to have been stolen from a R.A.F. camp, some of which he had reason to believe was on the premises. Defendant made no objection to them searching the premises. A quantity of building materials and tools was recovered at the house. In addition to those articles, witness found that a bathroom had been erected and equipped with material subsequently found to have been taken from the camp.

Helped Themselves.

After being cautioned, Johnstone made a statement in which he said that during the summer blitz of 1940 he saw many tools, such as hammers, chisels, drills, screwdrivers, etc., lying about on the ground. As these things were lying on the ground several days and other people were helping themselves he also took some. Since then he had taken linoleum, timber, iron stays, cement, soda, grass seed, a spiked roller, wash basin, bath, ladders, wire frames, pump, empty drums, zinc bin, fire extinguisher, gates, window frames, doors, rolls of felt, asbestos, and other tools. Most of these things he got from the refuse dump. The other articles he got from various parts of the camp. No one gave him permission to take the articles, which he took home for his own use. It was comparatively easy for him to do so as he kept his lorry outside the house. The house was in a bad state of repair and he needed most of the materials for repairs. He had not disposed of any of the materials to anyone.

Later that day, at Broadstairs police station, witness charged defendant with stealing the property. On 13th March when he recovered some building material and other articles from defendant's house Johnstone gave him every assistance.

Mr. Young: Did you actually go to defendant's house as a result of the receipt of an anonymous letter?

Sgt. Wilkinson: I did, sir.

Asking for defendant to be committed for trial at Kent Assizes in June, Mr. Morling said the police were not objecting to bail.

Defendant, who reserved his evidence, was committed for trial and was granted bail in his own recognisances of £5.

OUTSTANDING

We have been sent the following extract from a letter written to his aunt by a captain in a cavalry regiment in the Middle East. We record it with great pride:

"The Buffs have done really well here and covered themselves with glory as they always have before. I only wish they got more mention in the papers. They are the outstanding infantry unit out here."

—"The Dragon" (regimental journal)

THE REAL THING

Members of the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps are to receive engine and air-frame instruction on a two-seater Moth training plane, which has been delivered to their headquarters, Pettman Central School, Margate.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

NOTHING HAPPENS IN PADANG

By RAY CARR

Somewhat sadly Smithson stared out into the midday glare beyond the wide windows of the shop. A coolie trailed past, drawing an empty rickshaw; otherwise the main street of Padang was deserted. It was the hottest hour of the day.

Smithson's assistant, a consumptive Eurasian girl, nodded sympathetically. "It must be lovelee in London," she exclaimed with the clipped, sing-song intonation of the Orient.

"Better than this . . . nothing happens in Padang. Why, I haven't even seen such a thing as a tiger since I came out East."

"There is ever such a nice one in the zoo, Mr. Smithson."

The little man uttered a snort of annoyance and wandered off down the long aisle flanked by brass bedsteads and solidly built furniture of Burma teak. Fletchers of Padang prided itself upon its furniture, and, as a rule, Smithson took joy in the fact that he was in charge of this department of the Padang branch.

The resonant note of an expensive motor horn sounded through the shop as a luxurious car, aglitter with scarlet enamel and chromium plate, drew up before the main entrance. A paunchy Burman in a jade green waistcloth descended and glanced about him; then he went towards Smithson, who hurried forward.

Maung Soe was a well known figure in Padang. He was the leading Burman in the town and was reputed to be very wealthy. He owned a rice mill, rubber plantations, and tin mines. It was whispered, too, that he had other and less reputable sources of income. Blackmail, for instance, and the smuggling of cocaine.

He smiled at Smithson, his almond eyes narrowing to mere slits above his round yellow cheeks. "I come to buy a bed," he explained. "A good bed, please."

The little salesman's face brightened at the prospect of a substantial order. He knew the kind of bed that Maung Soe desired and led the way to it.

"There you are, sir, the finest bed we have," and with an air of triumph he pointed to a double bedstead of yellow brass set with many panels inlaid with mother-of-pearl and multi-coloured glass. It was an atrocity, in the worst taste; but it was very expensive and appealed irresistibly to the Oriental. Smithson made a rapid mental calculation, adding fifty per cent. to the list price of the bedstead. "I can do that for you at two thousand rupees and that's a special price, too."

"Much money," said Maung Soe slowly, but without any great conviction. He had decided that he must have the bed. "Perhaps, if you will supply it complete with pink mosquito net."

"Of course, that price includes a net," replied the little man, hurriedly. "Pink, did you say? Yes, I'll send it along this evening. Will you sign a chit for it?"

But Smithson's satisfaction was destined to be short-lived. That same evening he was summoned to the office of the manager, Mr. Blower, for whom he had a certain awe.

"Ah, Smithson, come in. I'm sorry to see that you have failed to observe one of our rules. That sale to Maung Soe . . ." Blower tugged at his walrus moustache. "We don't allow anyone credit for two thousand rupees. And don't you know that Maung Soe is likely to go smash at any moment? It is common talk in the bazaar."

"I didn't know that."

"Well, you know now. You've sent that bed, eh? Then you must either get it back or collect two thousand rupees from that old scoundrel."

Smithson's thin frame shrank within his white suit.

II

The Guest's Bed.

Padang is a port that has seen better days. It is a drowsy, straggling town twenty miles from the sea, lying upon the bank of a steamy river. Much of its old-time trade has been diverted to up-to-date Rangoon, where it is easier for the big ships to go. And so Padang sleeps in the sun, the pinnacles of its palms making a wavering reflection in the coffee-coloured river.

On the outskirts of the town were Maung Soe's rice mill and godowns, gaunt and unlovely structures of galvanised iron. Beside them was his house backed on to the river. A crazy, jutting balcony of wood that seemed to be attached haphazard to the main building, overhung the swirling waters.

Maung Soe and another man, a thin Chinese, were leaning upon the balcony rail as they watched the afterglow of sunset beyond the further bank of the river. Maung Soe was endeavouring to be pleasant to Foke Shu, his visitor from Rangoon. He was heavily indebted to Foke Shu, who had come to Padang to demand payment.

That bed from Fletchers had been specially procured for the guest, for Maung Soe had been anxious to make an impression of still existing prosperity. If he deceived his creditor sufficiently he might gain a short respite.

"To-morrow morning I shall take you across the river to my rubber plantation. You can judge for yourself that it is in excellent condition," said the Burman. "It is sound security for more than I owe you upon it."

Foke Shu nodded slowly and examined the nails upon his long tapering fingers. "I know that," he replied. "Otherwise you would not have had the loan, Maung Soe."

"I hope to sell it soon for a good price."

The thin Chinese shrugged his shoulders. "You have told me that many times."

"But this time it is true." For a moment an expression of rage appeared upon the Burman's face; then it was gone. He was once more his genial self. But as he watched the race and swirl of the waters beneath him his thoughts were all of ridding himself of his importunate creditor.

A barefooted servant appeared on the balcony behind the two men and coughed discreetly. Maung Soe turned to him. "There is a Mr. Smithson from the big shop in the town. He desires to see you," murmured the man. "It is a matter of importance."

With a side glance at his guest, Maung Soe declared that he could not see Smithson to-night. Then, as the servant hesitated, he exclaimed: "Very well. Ask him to wait."

But it was twenty minutes or more before Maung Soe entered the room in which Smithson patiently sat. "I am so sorry; I had important business," lied the Burman in explanation. It was almost dark in the room, and as he switched on the electric lights, unshaded pendant globes revealed the scanty furnishings, a garishly coloured rug or two, some decrepit cane chairs, a long "sleever" adorned with a greasy anti-macassar, and vivid oleographs on the walls.

Smithson, stammering, explained the reason for his call.

The stout Oriental nodded happily. "Of course, if you wish. But to-night it is not possible. I have no money in the house. To-morrow, eh?"

Smithson was disappointed, yet acknowledged to himself that the other's statement was not unreasonable. But he did not believe that Maung Soe was being strictly truthful. "I hope you won't fail me, Maung Soe. You see, our manager is very annoyed and—er—if the money is not paid I shall be sent round again to collect it."

"But you must not worry. I shall pay," came the easy assurance.

"What is this? Who is to be paid?" enquired a quiet voice from the doorway. Foke Shu had entered unobserved.

"A small matter. It is of no importance. Mr. Smithson, I shall pay the bill to-morrow." And Maung Soe endeavoured to shepherd his unwelcome caller out of the way of Foke Shu.

"So this gentleman is another creditor. The debt, I trust, is not a large one," said the Chinese softly.

"No, no. Just an account for a bed," explained Smithson eagerly.

"Yes. My fine bed!" Foke Shu smiled at his host. "It is a very good bed."

As he started up his old two-seater little Smithson heaved a sigh of relief. Thank goodness he had received a promise of payment to-morrow. This was not the sort of business he was accustomed to at all. He wondered who that Chinese visitor might be. A fellow with some kind of hold over Maung Soe. A creditor, probably!

Driving into the town along a palm-fringed road he reflected sadly that nothing ever seemed to happen in Burma. Collecting debts! His call on Maung Soe had spoilt the evening for him.

III

Maung Soe Pays Up.

Once more the heat rising from the sun scorched roadway swept in torrid waves into the furniture department of Fletchers where little Smithson leaned disconsolately against a counter. That two thousand rupees had not been paid by Maung Soe . . . and old Blower had gone off the deep end about it.

At length, with a sigh, Smithson put on his coat and reached for his topee. Then commending his department to the care of the Eurasian lady assistant, he went out into the yard at the back of the building where his car stood.

Maung Soe was not pleased to see him but, on this occasion, did not keep him waiting. "Mr. Smithson, so terrible a thing has happened. That nice Chinese gentleman you met yesterday has met with a sad accident. He was crossing river in sampan and whole affair capsized. Very sad accident." He shook his head lugubriously.

"Most unfortunate," replied Smithson without enthusiasm. "But I have been sent along to collect the money for that bed." He spoke firmly. No excuse was to be accepted this time.

"But Mr. Foke Shu is no doubt drowned. I tell you the matter is most serious. After sampan accident he was seen no more."

Smithson merely repeated that he was sorry, but really could not leave the house without two thousand rupees.

The stout Burman eyed him doubtfully. He now had, in cash, considerably more than two thousand rupees for Mr. Foke Shu's wallet had contained a small fortune in currency notes—and it had proved quite ridiculously easy to dispose of Foke Shu! There had been a little dagger work whilst the money-lender lay in that magnificent bed; and now, securely weighted, his corpse reposed somewhere upon the mud of the river bottom——

But it went against the grain to have to pay out two thousand rupees. Particularly as there was no longer any real use for that bed—accordingly Maung Soe proceeded to lie in his best vein.

"Mr. Smithson, I must tell you the truth. Just now I am a little bit hard up. I cannot pay all that money. I have creditors pressing me——"

"That's awkward!"

Perhaps it would be best if they took the bed back. They would thus avoid all possibility of a loss. To lose both money and bed would just about cost him his job. Blower would be merciless.

"Come upstairs," invited Maung Soe. "You can see the bed. It is not damaged in any way. You will be able to resell."

"Well, I wouldn't do this for everyone," grumbled Smithson, as he climbed up the stairs behind Maung Soe.

A few moments later they were standing in front of the bed upon which reposed a clean coverlet.

"Practically, it has not been used." The Burman caressed one of the inlaid panels with his stubby hand. He was congratulating himself upon the speed with which the body had been bundled off the bed and into a capacious rice sack.

"Seems all right," said Smithson, who was examining the bed with an expert eye. Then he pointed to the wide brass rail at its foot. "Hello! What's all this?" And he dabbed his finger on a dark red smear across the bright metal.

The sallow face of the other man assumed an ashen hue and he swallowed nervously.

"It is nothing, I think," croaked Maung Soe at length.

"Nothing! Why, see this?" A vigorous rub with a damp handkerchief brought a red mark on the white linen. Smithson held it up critically.

"That is, perhaps, a little polish. I told the house boy to clean it well." Maung Soe gave an awkward laugh. "Yes. That is it . . . Polish."

"Funny kind of polish," said Smithson, with evident suspicion. Glancing up, he saw a sickly expression on the face of Maung Soe. "Here! What's up?"

The Burman gulped and endeavoured to smile. "I will pay for this, Mr. Smithson. Come downstairs, please."

"But I thought——"

"No, no. I have remembered. I have money enough."

"Well, I wish you had remembered before," grumbled Smithson as he followed the other from the room.

IV

Mr. Blower folded his newspaper and laid it on a corner of his desk. "I see they haven't found the body of that Chinese money-lender, Foke Shu."

"Carried out to sea, I expect," ventured Smithson.

The other nodded. "I hear that they are saying in the bazaar that Maung Soe had him put out of the way . . ."

"They will say anything in the bazaar," said Smithson contemptuously, as he gathered up a sheaf of papers. "They're always talking about murder and all the rest of it. But, if you ask me, that kind of thing more likely happens in the Brixton-road. Nothing ever happens here."

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

PAY AS YOU GO

BROADSTAIRS RATES

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee Broadstairs Council on Wednesday formally approved a general rate of 13s. 8d. in the £ and a water rate of 1s. 10d. in the £.

The rate will be payable in two equal instalments—6s. 10d. in the £ for the half year ending 30th September, 1942, and a similar instalment for the half year ending 31st March, 1943.

Councillor B. Humphrey said the system adopted some time ago whereby people could pay their rates by instalments had proved very beneficial to many ratepayers and if it were more widely known he thought more would take advantage of it. If more people took advantage of the system they would relieve themselves of the anxiety of accumulating money, which was not only difficult but dangerous in the conditions under which they were living.

"I think it is as well to discharge one's liabilities as one goes along," said Councillor Humphrey.

The Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said he thought it very desirable that the system should again be brought to the notice of the ratepayers. The Rating Officer had always been prepared to accept any payment on account from a ratepayer who was not in a position to pay the full amount.

Councillor Pearson said he wished to express his thanks and the thanks of the Council to the ratepayers for the manner in which they had co-operated and the way in which they had tried to meet their commitments during the past year, and he hoped the same co-operation would continue during the coming year.

GRAVE AND GAY

DOUBLE FEATURES AT ODEON

This week's programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, are packed full of grand entertainment.

Laurel and Hardy are together again in "Great Guns." The story has Stan and Ollie, and their pet cow Penelope, taking care of a young millionaire, Dan Forrester, who is supposed to be allergic to everything. When Dan is drafted, the two comedians enlist so they can take care of him. How they first mess up the manœuvres and then straighten everything out with Penelope's aid makes an hilarious climax. The second feature is "Man at Large" the story of a dizzy newspaper office receptionist (Marjorie Weaver), who manages to outwit a bunch of spies. George Reeves is well cast as the Federal Officer, whom she mistakes for a spy. Also being shown is "50 Degrees Below Zero," a film shot by 11 Russian cameramen armed with rifles, and depicts the smashing of the Mannerheim Line by the Russians in 1940. The result is realism, grim and gripping, which makes one admire more than ever Russian strategy and endurance.

Preston Sturges' masterpiece, "Sullivan's Travels," is being shown for the latter part of the week. The picture opens with Joel McCrea playing the director in a Hollywood studio. Nearly at the end Veronica Lake, who is an unsuccessful extra girl in the beginning, is a movie star on a set. It is not a satire on Hollywood—it is rather a satire on human frailties in general. The second feature is "Dressed to Kill," with Lloyd Nolan again playing the part of the fast-talking private investigator, Michael Shayne. This time he is just ready to get married, but two sensational murders abruptly upset his plans. He forgets his bride-to-be (Mary Beth Hughes) and starts a search for the murderer. This perplexing situation provides a first-rate comedy mystery.

MISSING AT SINGAPORE

An old boy of Ellington School, Ramsgate, Gnr. A. E. Matthews, R.A., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, of 3 Vale-square, Ramsgate, has been reported missing at Singapore since 15th February.

Employed at a local laundry after leaving school, Gnr. Matthews joined the Territorials in 1939 and was called up at the outbreak of war when he was 17½ years of age.

"Johnnie was questioned on his way home from school"

A little chill of fear runs through the family, a sudden stillness falls upon the tea-table.

What might the little chap have said that could be twisted? What exactly was he asked? . . .

Don't keep saying it couldn't happen here! It happened last week to the little son of that nice restaurant proprietor in Brussels, it will happen to-morrow to the daughter of that jolly old fisherman at St. Malo. (And the next night Daddy doesn't come home from work.)

It will happen here—if you let it.

Put up your barrier now; a barrier of shot and shell, plane and tank, for which the eager hands reach out. Pile in your money with both hands for the one thing that matters — security.

What else can you use your money for that is one half so precious as the freedom to love and laugh and grouse out loud, as your father did before you?

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Put every penny you can scrape together into—War Savings!

Issued by the National Savings Committee

Shared By All

MARGATE LIFEBOATMEN AND DUNKIRK HONOURS

The spirit animating the Margate lifeboat crew was exemplified by a little incident at Margate Town Hall on Tuesday.

After Alderman F. L. Pettman had expressed the wish to see the coxswain of the boat, Mr. Edward Parker, wearing the Distinguished Service Medal awarded him in connection with the evacuation of Dunkirk, Coxswain Parker quietly replied "It belongs to all of us."

The occasion was the presentation by the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) of testimonials received from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to the members of the Margate lifeboat crew who took part in the evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk in May, 1940.

Eleven men formed the crew of the lifeboat at Dunkirk but only seven were present on Monday—Messrs. E. D. Parker (coxswain), H. E. Parker (second coxswain), E. Jordan (engineer), A. Ladd, D. Price, A. Morris and W. Hopper, who is now a stoker petty officer in the Royal Navy.

Messrs. W. Mackie and J. Letley were unable to be present. Mr. T. Harman, second coxswain at the time, has since died, and Mr. E. E. Parker, son of the second coxswain, has since been reported missing from a merchant vessel which was torpedoed in the Atlantic.

The Mayor said although somewhat belated, it was a very special occasion on which the lifeboatmen were asked to receive public recognition of the wonderful and courageous services they rendered at Dunkirk in May, 1940.

The Modesty of Great Men.

"It is a little difficult," said the Mayor, "to talk to men of their particular deeds, because great men are always a little modest over any particular act they have performed. I know that that feeling exists among you men, and I am sure that whatever you did at Dunkirk you just looked upon it as one of your ordinary jobs. But we laymen don't look upon it as an ordinary job. We look upon what you did there as something very outstanding. Something which added to the tremendous traditions of the lifeboat service of this country."

The Mayor recalled the great and hazardous work of the Margate lifeboatmen during the winter preceding Dunkirk in rescuing the crews of ships sunk by magnetic mines, when they were working almost 24 hours a day.

"It seems to me," he said "that Dunkirk was a culminating effort in a period which stands out gloriously in the history of your service."

Looking back at the scenes in Margate during the evacuation, the Mayor said that while the lifeboat was taking them off the beaches at Dunkirk, the people of Margate were occupied in receiving and dispatching the men, and in that work Alderman G. B. Farrar, who was then Mayor, played a very big part in attending to the comforts of the men.

"I want to make special mention of Mr. Parker," said the Mayor, "not because he did anything greater than any one of the crew, but he has received recognition from His Majesty on behalf of the crew. I am sure he would like me to put it that way. It is very difficult, probably, in these conditions, to present Distinguished Service Medals to everyone of you men, and I am sure that Mr. Parker received it as a recognition by His Majesty of the wonderful service which the Margate crew rendered. It is to you all, only he happens to be the coxswain and is privileged to wear it. I know you are all proud of him and equally proud that he has received it."

DROP IN OFFERTORIES

BROADSTAIRS CHURCH DEFICIT

Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, is struggling against adverse circumstances.

At the annual parochial meeting, held at the schoolroom on Wednesday, the hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Saxby, reported that they began the year with £19 8s. 3d. borrowed from the free-will offering fund and ended it with a deficit of £6 16s. 3d.

The Rector (Rev. C. H. Bailey) presided and was supported by Mr. A. J. Holt (people's warden) and Mr. T. O. Studd (secretary).

The accounts showed that collections during the year amounted to £266 7s. 11d., which was considerably less than the previous year, but £21 1s. 5d. had been given to charitable societies outside the diocese. A total of £211 9s. 9d. had been subscribed to the free-will offering fund.

The Diocesan Conference delegates were appointed as follows: Mrs. C. H. Bailey and Mr. H. C. Lee, and the Ruri-decanal delegates: Mr. T. O. Studd, Mr. Taylor, Miss George and Mr. P. Shelvey.

A war-time council of 14 members was appointed. Those who were still resident in the district were re-elected en bloc with the following additions: Mr. Carey, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. P. Johnson, Mr. H. Edwards, Miss Mann, Miss Wing, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Tattersall.

At the annual vestry meeting, which preceded the parochial meeting, the Rector appointed Mr. Holt as his warden, and thanked him for coming out of his retirement to serve the church at such a critical time.

In accepting office, Mr. Holt said he hoped this year would bring us peace, victory and the birth of a new world.

Mr. Saxby was unanimously elected people's warden.

MARGATE BOWLER'S DEATH

Members of Westbrook Bowling Club, of which he was a prominent member, attended the funeral at Margate on 4th April of Mr. William Henry Fort, of 26 Old Crossing-road, who passed away at the age of 84 years.

On coming to Margate on his retirement 14 years ago, Mr. Fort joined Dane Park Bowling Club but subsequently transferred to the Westbrook Club.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Margate (Rev. D. V. Beckingham) and the family mourners were the widow, Miss V. Fort (niece) and Mr. P. Summers (nephew).

Westbrook Bowling Club was represented by Mr. W. Fudge (secretary), Mrs. Fudge, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harvey and Messrs. J. Waghorn, E. A. Crowhurst and R. E. Thurston.

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25 YEARS AGO
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THE WAR OF 1914-18

News has been received at Ramsgate that Capt. C. E. L. Phillips, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Phillips, of Ramsgate, has been wounded. The young officer joined the R.F.A. and has been in France for some months. A brief and cheery note from him states that he was wounded in the neck, chest and hands by shell splinters, but the wounds were not serious. Capt. Phillips was accepted for overseas service as soon as he was old enough and for some time past has been acting-major.

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To rise from the ranks to the position of second-lieutenant in less than two years, and to win during the period the Military Medal and the D.C.M. is the record achieved by Second-Lt. J. T. Gore, of Ramsgate. The young soldier was in Canada when the war broke out but came back to this country and enlisted in the Sportsman's Battalion. He was subsequently transferred to another battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, with which he went to the front.

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Grief has been changed to gladness in the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Urry, formerly of the Bank House, High-street, Broadstairs, by the unexpected receipt of a letter from their youngest son, Second-Lt. Reginald T. Urry, Rifle Brigade, who was officially reported to have been killed in action on 20th February. Mr. and Mrs. Urry were overjoyed to receive the letter from their son stating that he was a prisoner of war at Hanover, and although wounded was not seriously injured.

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Deep sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moses, of West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, in the loss they have sustained by the death in action of their youngest son, Sgt. Norman Ethelbert (Jim) Moses, of the Royal West Kent Regiment. Sgt. Moses, who was 22 years of age, was killed instantaneously on 24th March during an enemy bombardment. The news of his death was rendered additionally pathetic by the fact that in a few days he was due to return to England, having been recommended for a commission.

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Mr. J. W. Stead, a well-known official of the Ramsgate Gas and Water Department, has been informed that after 11 years' service his son, C. J. Stead, has been granted a commission in the East Lancashire Regiment. Lt. Stead has been on service abroad practically since he joined the Army. During the present war he went through the Dardanelles campaign unscathed and has since taken part in the Somme offensive.

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Sir Edward Carson, the First Lord of the Admiralty, visited Ramsgate on Monday to inspect the trawler and drifter patrols. After the inspection he addressed the men, taking the opportunity of thanking them personally for the splendid work they have carried out during the war, risking their lives both night and day.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WINE BILL

At the quarterly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council, Councillor Watkins asked why a wine bill for £3 5s. 9d. was made chargeable to the rates. The Town Clerk said it was included in the expenses incurred in connection with the memorial service to the Duke of Clarence. Asked if the payment was legal, the Town Clerk said the Mayor sent out a large number of invitations in connection with the Duke of Clarence memorial service, and afterwards he asked the members of the Council and officers to have some light refreshment. Councillor Watkins said he would not object to the Mayor asking the members and officers of the Corporation to have a glass of wine with him but the payment ought to come out of the 100 guineas voted to him for such purposes. There was an interruption from the body of the hall and the Mayor said that if there were any further demonstrations of that kind he would adjourn the meeting. He did not know that the payment for the wine was made out of the rates. He was quite willing to pay for it out of his own pocket. Councillor Emmett was sorry that any member of the Council should be so disloyal as to raise a question as to the expenditure of so small a sum in connection with the memorial to the Duke of Clarence.

INHABITED HOUSE DUTY

Under the Franchise Act, the names of all persons in Ramsgate returned to the overseer as not having paid the inhabited house duty by 5th April will be taken off the burgesses' and parliamentary voters' lists.

OLDEST POSTMASTER

At Ramsgate Town Hall on Monday the oldest Postmaster in England, Mr. J. B. Hodgson, who has been for 50 years Postmaster at Ramsgate was presented with an illuminated address on vellum and several pieces of plate on behalf of the inhabitants of the town. The Mayor made the presentation—in every respect well deserved—in the presence of many of the principal burgesses. In the course of his reply Mr. Hodgson recalled many interesting reminiscences and referred to the great improvements introduced by the department.

THANET WEDDINGS

MALE—HEYES

After Mr. Cecil Male, son of Mrs. T. Furner, of Carmel Cottages, Shalmsford-street, Chartham, and Miss Evelyn Heyes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Heyes, of Pear Tree Cottage, High-street, Minster, had been married at Minster Parish Church on 4th April they walked through an archway of axes formed by Minster section of the N.F.S., of which the bridegroom is a member.

The Vicar of Minster (Rev. A. W. MacMichael) conducted the service and Mr. Furner, the bridegroom's step-father, was best man.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk with veil and carried a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by Miss K. Heyes (sister), Miss D. Smithers (cousin), Miss J. Newing and Master M. Heyes (brother).

The organist (Mr. C. Chandler) played "I'll walk beside you" as the bride and bridegroom left the church.

The wedding gifts included a clock from the Minster section of the N.F.S.

Following a reception at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Male left for the honeymoon at Ickenham, the bride travelling in a blue dress with grey coat.

KEMP—ANNING

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Anning, of Vale-square, Ramsgate, Miss Peggy Anning was married at St. Clement's Church, Sandwich, on 4th April, to Mr. Sidney Walter James Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kemp, of Mill Wall-place, Sandwich.

The Vicar of Sandwich (Rev. M. M. Vischer) officiated.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white satin dress, with veil and orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of lilies. Her attendants, Miss V. Anning and Mrs. G. Taylor, wore dresses of green taffeta with halo headdresses, and carried bouquets of daffodils. Mr. Jack Pring was best man.

MILLS—BURNAGE

The wedding was solemnised at St. John's Church, Margate, last week, between Mr. Geoffrey Edmund Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mills, of Eaton-road, Margate, and Miss Doris Burnage, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Burnage, of Edworth, near Biggleswade.

Given away by her mother, the bride wore a pastel blue dress with blue edge to edge coat and navy blue hat. She carried a bouquet of red roses and white heather. Her attendant, Miss Norah Burnage, wore a saxe blue dress and hat and carried a bouquet of daffodils.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Mapson and the father of the bridegroom was best man.

BEAL—BALLARD

Members of the fire service formed an archway of axes outside St. Peter's Church on Easter Monday after the wedding of Miss Hilda Doris Ballard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballard, of Mayfield, Edge End road, Broadstairs, to Mr. Charles Horace Frederick Beal, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Beal, of Station-road, Pitsea, Essex. The bride is leading firewoman at local divisional headquarters of the N.F.S.

The choral service was conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, and Mr. R. J. Bowen officiated at the organ, the hymns sung being "Love Divine" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father."

Given away by her father, the bride was dressed in white cloque, with veil and orange blossom and silver shoes, and carried a sheaf of lilies. She was attended by Mrs. E. Fennell and the Misses Gladys Couchman, Daphne Ballard and Audrey Ballard, who were dressed in blue and pink silk crepe de chine, with silver and gold headbands and shoes. The bride's youngest sister, Audrey, wore a blue poke bonnet and carried a posy of daffodils. Mr. C. J. Beal acted as best man to his brother.

Following a reception at the Good Templar Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. F. Beal left for the honeymoon at Torquay, the bride travelling in an oatmeal-coloured coat and blue accessories.

The presents included a case of fish knives from Messrs. Wraight and the bridegroom's fellow employees, and a cheque from members of the N.F.S. divisional headquarters.

NICHOLS—PERRIS

Serving in the same unit, Rfmn. Athur Nichols, Rifle Brigade, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nichols, of St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, was married at Harden Church, Wilts, to Cpl. Joyce Perris, A.T.S., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perris, of Brook-street, Chippenham.

Dressed in white satin, with wreath and veil, the bride, who carried a bouquet of crimson carnations, was attended by the Misses Nancy Perris (sister), Gwen Harding (cousin of the bridegroom), Muriel Warne and Brenda Forwood (cousins of the bridegroom), who wore satin and net frocks with floral wreaths and veils. They carried bouquets of anemones and their gold-leaf necklaces were the gifts of the bridegroom. Two child attendants, Maureen Warne (cousin of the bride) and Betty Nichols (niece of the bridegroom), wore mauve satin with wreaths of flowers round their hair and carried posies of anemones. Their bracelets were gifts of the bridegroom.

Bndsmn. A. Smith, R.B., acted as best man in the absence of the bridegroom's brother, who is a prisoner of war in Germany but sent a cheque as a wedding present.

BUTCHER—MOODY

The Rev. Harcourt Samuel officiated at the wedding at Cavendish Baptist Church, Ramsgate, of Mr. Herbert Lloyd Butcher to Miss Doris Mary Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moody, of La Belle Alliance-square, Ramsgate.

The bride, who was dressed in white satin with veil to match and carried a bouquet of red roses and ferns, was attended by Miss Ida Daniels, Miss Valerie Moody and Miss Joan Crandon, who wore pink crinoline dresses and head-dresses of pink and silver leaves. Master W. Alward attended as page boy.

The bride was given away by her brother, Sgt. A. Moody, and the duties of best man were carried out by another brother, Mr. D. H. Moody.

The service was choral and Mr. F. Milnes presided at the organ.

FULLER—TUCKER

The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on 4th April, between Miss Alice Georgina Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tucker, of 3 Ashton-cottages, Tunis-row, Broadstairs, and Mr. George William Lenny Fuller, of Wood Green, London.

The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) conducted the service and Mr. D. Walters was best man.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, L/Cpl. A. Tucker, R.A.S.C., wore a white lace gown with satin collar, veil and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Her bridesmaid was Miss K. Tucker (sister) and the groomsman Gnr. G. Tucker, R.A. (brother). The bridesmaid wore a powder-blue angel satin gown with veil and headdress and carried a bouquet of daffodils. The organist, Mr. A. J. Nichols, played Lohengrin's Bridal March and the hymns "Love Divine" and "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" were sung.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bide's home.

MILES—HOLLANDS

At St. Peter's Methodist Church last week the wedding took place between Mr. Henry Herbert Miles, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Miles, of Byron-avenue, Margate, and Miss Jessie Olive Hollands, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hollands, of Dane Court-road, St. Peter's.

A choral service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Bomford and the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us" and "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" were sung, with Mr. V. Goatham, uncle of the bride, at the organ.

The bride, who wore a white satin gown and carried a sheaf of lilies, was given away by her father. She was attended by three bridesmaids. Mr. P. Le Suer, cousin of the bridegroom, carried out the duties of best man.

A reception was afterwards held in the schoolroom.

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FUNERAL OF MR. F. C. POWELL

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on 4th April of Mr. Francis Cox Powell, of 211 College-road, Margate, who passed away shortly after returning from Tamworth, where he had been staying with his wife and their youngest daughter.

For nearly 50 years Mr. Powell, who was 78 years of age, was clerk at the Temple to Sir Ellis Hume Williams, K.C., and for a number of years he was in the service of Mr. Justice Cassels.

Both Mr. Justice Cassels and Sir Ellis sent floral tributes. Sir Ellis' wreath was inscribed: "In memory of a good and faithful friend of many years; he rests in the care of the Lord, whom he loved and served so well.

In his younger days Mr. Powell was a member of the Open-Air Mission and the London Evangelisation Society. After retiring and coming to Margate 12 years ago he spent his leisure time composing hymns, writing poetry and playing bowls. Both he and his wife were members of Dane Park Bowling Club.

Mr. Powell leaves a widow, four sons, the eldest being Mr. Frank Powell, the London stipendiary magistrate, and five daughters.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Sharpley, Methodist minister, and the mourners included the widow, sons and daughters, Mrs. Frank Powell (daughter-in-law), Mr. Douglas Iles, and Mr. Archie Kennard (sons-in-law), Mr. Martin Kennard and Mr. Irvine Kennard.

JUVENILE TEMPLARY

There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including District Lodge officers, at a meeting of the Sunbeam Lodge of Good Templars, at the Foresters' Hall Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

The programme was devoted to the future of the juvenile section, a keen interest being shown by the many members taking part. Addresses were interspersed with solos rendered by Miss Phyllis Pottle, Misses Evelyn and Margaret Isaacs, Miss Doris Eastes and the Chief Templar, Mrs. Isaacs, who said it was their desire that their young people should have a happy time. Education was an asset and a necessity. They were not kill-joys, for it was their aim that the sessions should be pleasant.

Mrs. W. H. Jacobsen, P.D.V.T., recalled a number of happy memories connected with the Sunrise Temple. They were hoping to re-start at the earliest possible moment, she said.

RESTAURANT'S SLIGHT DEFICIT

During the eight weeks ending 14th March, Broadstairs British Restaurant was run at a net loss of £4 17s. 4d. and the deficit was increased to £49 17s. 6d.

Meals served at 9d. totalled 5,081 and 453 children's meals were served at 5d.

In addition 2,640 teas were served at 1½d.

STILL FLOURISHING

MARGATE OLD CENTRALS' ASSOCIATION

In spite of the difficulties caused by war conditions and the loss of over 250 members, Margate Old Centrals' Association continues to flourish.

During the past year the balance in hand was increased from £116 to £165.

In a letter to the secretary (Mr. R. E. Christian), the life president of the association (Mr. F. Barnes), now living in Staffordshire, writes:

"The gratifying success of the club during the past year prompts me to draw your attention to its financial progress since its year of opening, 1935, when in December of that year its liabilities, £803, exceeded its cash assets, £142, by £661. Six years later, in December, 1941, with liabilities £432 against cash assets £376, this figure has been reduced to £56. Add to this the club's splendid freehold premises, its furniture and fittings valued at £900, and one is able to appreciate more fully the association's remarkable progress, despite the fact that many people considered it must fail.

Triple Achievement.

"Contrary to these prophecies, the association has, so far, triumphed over all difficulties, and under providence prospered abundantly; and I think most people will agree that the association's work—firstly, in raising £560 before the club was purchased; secondly, in building the clubhouse by the voluntary service of its members; and thirdly, in proving to the world during the past six years that a club can be successfully run on temperance lines—is a triple achievement in voluntary social work of which we can all rightly feel very proud.

"The war has indeed made many difficulties for the club, especially in taking the bulk of our members, but just as in the early years the association found victory through loyalty to its motto, 'Victoria concordia crescit' (victory comes from pulling together), so now the same enthusiastic spirit in those who are carrying on the club makes them worthy successors to the heritage of devotion and self-reliance handed on by their predecessors; and I know that all our members in the various theatres of war will learn of the club's continued success under their management with great pleasure."

BROADSTAIRS MAN O.K.

Pte. Edward Miller, The Buffs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, formerly of York-street, Broadstairs, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag XX A, has written home to say that he is working on a farm and is "O.K."

"As you know, we received a hell of a 'do'," he writes, "and as far as I know I was taken alone out of my company."

Pte. Miller is an old boy of Holy Trinity School, Broadstairs.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

FOR MARGATE WARDENS

The valuable part played by wardens in the Civil Defence Services was emphasised by the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare) at Margate Town Hall last week when he presented to 68 wardens certificates gained by them in a first aid examination set by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. L. Brocklehurst).

The Mayor said that however perfect an organisation might be, delays in securing the assistance of particular services following a raid were sometimes unavoidable. In such conditions the wardens could render valuable service for they were first on the scene and their first aid training would add considerably to their usefulness.

The Chief Warden, Capt. F. G. Wenham, said he had heard many appreciative remarks of the manner in which wardens had carried out their first aid work. He expressed appreciation to Sgt. Bodley, of the Ambulance Corps, for the manner in which he had instructed them.

TEAM WORK ON THE FARM

PROBLEM OF UNPRODUCTIVE TIME

One of the biggest problems in farming is to find a way of reducing unproductive time, or time not altogether economically utilised owing to bad weather.

It is most important to realise that avoidable unproductive time is a serious matter affecting output, wages and profits alike.

Necessary rest to eliminate or prevent fatigue is not unproductive. For example, in hoeing and in beet lifting by gangs of men and women, 15 per cent. unproductive time has been measured after allowing 15 per cent. for resting. This was due to stoppages for talking! The breakdown of implements and machinery from lack of overhauling is a common and often serious cause of delay.

Planning ahead includes letting the workers know what their next job is to be, and seeing, for example, that adequate numbers of loose tools are available when needed. In hay-making, harvesting, potato-lifting, threshing, etc., operations involving numbers of workers on different jobs, the plan of work must be properly balanced. One or more indifferent workers in the team may upset or hold up the whole operations. In some forms of team work one worker may set the pace for all the others, whether it be forking sheaves or feeding the thresher. He should be given a change at intervals.

Delay in getting from one job to another is often a cause of time being wasted. By combining operations, more than one job can often be done in a single trip. A shepherd on his round, supposed to be fully employed, has been able to undertake "in his stride" the care of 200 pullets, moving their folds, feeding and watering them and collecting the eggs.

Defective tools and appliances cause not only unnecessary physical strain but also mental irritation, especially in piecework. Much can often be done to ease work and increase the rate by adopting mechanical aids and substitutes.

Last but by no means least, incentive, as by piecework payment and bonuses, is a vital factor affecting rate of work. Over-riding all, however, is a liberal attitude of mind, in both farmer and worker. This comes largely from an awakening of interest, from probing the why and wherefore of things. Progress is marked not so much by the problems we are able to solve as by the questions we are enabled to ask.

Forging Ahead

RAMSGATE HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS APPEAL

It has been said many times, but cannot be said too often, that Ramsgate General Hospital is in dire need of adequate accommodation for outpatients and of a new and larger casualty ward.

Other improvements and enlargements are wanted, but these two great needs—out-patients' and casualty departments—far outstrip all other needs in their urgency.

Since March, 1938, the Extensions Appeal Committee have been raising funds for these and their efforts have all along been dogged by crises over Europe, impending war, war itself, threatened invasion, evacuation, and all the disadvantages of a denuded defence area.

Nevertheless, having raised £658 in the past year, over £1,600 since the outbreak of war, and well over £10,000 in all, the committee still presses on with its task, for it will not and cannot surrender. The extensions are needed as much as ever. Of course, building cannot commence while war continues and so meanwhile the funds that are raised are invested in war savings, bringing in useful dividends which all help to swell the total. The working costs of the appeal are subject to the utmost economy, and every £1 gathered now is a step nearer to the day when building can begin.

The committee therefore took encouragement from generous responses they received to their recent effort on the occasion of the appeal's fourth anniversary, for the month of March saw over a hundred guineas added to the fund. The committee most sincerely thank all who gave.

The largest single amount was £27 15s. 6d. from the Matron, Sisters and Nurses of the hospital—another gift from the fund from which £100 was presented to the appeal a year ago, and which was subscribed for the provision of amenities within the new buildings in due course.

March Donations.

The majority of the donations came from loyal wellwishers living temporarily elsewhere, and the cordial wishes expressed in the letters accompanying the donations made most heartening reading. The March donations were as follows:

Matron, Sisters and Nurses of Ramsgate General Hospital, £27 15s. 6d.; Mr. L. Grace, West Ealing, collection of bunhead coins, 10s.; A. Greville Hiscoke, Broadstairs, 10s. 6d.; W. B. Loveless, Esq., B.A., M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Ramsgate, £1 1s.; Mrs Francis Newth, Ramsgate, £1; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bailes, Ramsgate, £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson, 5s.; Lt.-Col. E. E. Ogier, J.P., Maidstone, £1 1s.; W. Oram, Esq., Mill Hill, £3 3s.; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. T. Currie, Banstead, 5s.; Addington Timber, Slate and Cement Co. Ltd., S.E.14, £1 1s.; Samuel H. Debling, Esq., Belvedere, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. Crameri, Ramsgate, £5; Miss M. M. Burnand, Hereford, £2; Mrs. E. Gray, Croydon, 5s.; Voluntary funds of Clarendon House County School for Girls, at Stafford, per Miss I. Helm, headmistress, £1 1s.; Thos. Hedley and Co. Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne, £1 1s.; Mrs. H. Staines, 5s.; Miss Mary Cox, Arundel, £2 2s.; Miss Smith, Ramsgate, 7s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Holbrook, Gillingham, £2 2s.; Mrs. W. J. Martin-Tomson, Cranbrook, £5; Mrs. Dearlove, Ramsgate, £5; Mrs. E. M. Wheatley, Frome, £5; Mrs. E. E. Miller, W.1, 10s.; H. E. Beckett, Esq., Ramsgate, £5 5s.; F. Fuller, Esq., Minster, £2 2s.; Louise Lady Malet, Watchet, £1; G. W. Simmers, Esq., Bude, £1; Anonymous, Petersfield, 10s.; F. Thwaite, Esq., Halifax, 10s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. Redwood-Davies, £2 2s.; Miss Hazlitt, Lynton, £1 1s.; C.E.M., £2; Miss F. Stevens, Aylesbury, 5s.; Independent Order of Oddfellows, Loyal St. Mildred Lodge, No. 6949, Minster, per N. A. Kennett, Esq., secretary, £2 2s.; N.F.S., Newington-road company, £8 5s.; Miss M. A. Culver, Tilton-on-the-Hill, £1; "A Friend," Broadstairs, 5s.; Ye Olde Friends Benevolent Association, nomination by Mrs. H. L. Roberts, Rottingdean, £5 5s.; Mrs. A. Wright, Southfields, £1; Mrs. E. Daniels, St. Lawrence, £1; Miss Hallums, St. Lawrence, £1; M. L. Myers, Esq., Broadstairs, £1 1s.

The following amounts were annual payments under deeds of covenant, the totals of which have already been acknowledged: Miss Adean Maxted, Canterbury, £3 11s. 6d.; F. Gray, Esq., Ramsgate, £2; Vye and Son, Canterbury, £22 6s. 9d.; F. L. Drayson, Esq., Canterbury, £3 11s. 6d.; Miss O. M. Raven, Wincanton, £1; Miss M. R. Taylor, Chipping Norton, £1 1s.; Maj. A. J. H. Taylor, Inverness, 14s. 5d.

Finally a dividend of £1 3s. 10d. came to hand, this being on an investment of £175 which was presented to the extensions appeal out of the surplus balance of Ramsgate's 1941 War Weapons Week and invested in National War Bonds.

The month's increase of £105 6s. 10d. brings the total of the fund to £10,562 7s. 10d., and the above constitutes the 49th list of contributions.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

FILM FUN AT THE KING'S

Fun is the keynote of the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Chief feature to-day and to-morrow is "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," with a mammoth cast including Robert Montgomery, Claude Rains, Evelyn Keyes, James Gleason Edward Everett Horton, Rita Johnson and John Emery. It is an amusing story of Joe Pendleton, contender for the light-heavyweight championship of the world, who winds up in a tailspin while piloting a plane. He is next seen at the airport of the "Heavenly Express," which transports people to their final destination, in charge of Messenger 7013, who is new to the business. Messenger 7013 has made a mistake and Joe has been delivered 50 years too early. So Joe returns to earth amid a mass of complications. Also being shown is "Naval Academy," with Freddie Bartholomew, Jimmy Lydon and Billy Cook.

The Yorkshire comic, Albert Modley, well-known for his work in pantomime, leads the fun in "Bob's Your Uncle," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. It is a bright and lively comedy extravaganza with a picturesque village background, occasional songs and a patriotic vaudeville grand finale, telling of romance between a simple Home Guard recruit and the pretty daughter of his peppery C.O. Jean Colin adds feminine charm and the cast also includes George Bolton and Wally Patch. A picture that the whole family can enjoy, "Reg'lar Fellars," with Billy Lee and Roscoe Ates, will also be shown.

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The accounts of the Refuge Assurance Co. Ltd. just published state that a bonus at the rate of £1 per cent. for 1939, 1940 and 1941 has been declared on ordinary branch with-profit policies which become claims during the ensuing year and an amount of £1,839,284 has been carried forward as unappropriated surplus in this branch.

In the industrial branch the sum of £419,926 out of the profits of this branch has been allocated to industrial branch policyholders, and applied to increase the benefits under their policies.

The total premiums received in both branches amounted to £10,934,622, and the total assets now amount to £77,726,104. The net interest received amounted to £2,540,100. The claims paid in the year amounted to £7,130,844, making a grand total of £140,468,475 paid since the office was established.

The expansion of the "Refuge" during recent years is shown by the following figures: 1931—Premium income, £9,223,551; aggregate income, £11,502,809; assets, £52,719,006. 1941—£10,934,622; £13,496,154; £77,726,104.

BROADSTAIRS

Food Control Committee.—Mrs. B. J. Pearson, whose term of office had expired, was on Wednesday re-elected by Broadstairs Council as a member of the Food Control Committee.

Death of Mr. J. T. Barwick.—For many years in business as a baker in Sowell-street, Mr. Joseph Thomas Barwick passed away at his home, 12 Green-lane, St. Peter's, last week. Mr. Barwick was 86 years of age. The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Thursday.

An Oversight.—A fine of 5s. was imposed at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, on Mrs. Ethel Tunna, of Remembrance Cottage, Reading Street, St. Peter's, who was summoned for keeping a dog without a license. P/C Taylor said when he interviewed defendant she said "I would not have had this happen for anything." Defendant told the magistrates it was quite an oversight.

She Knew the Germans.—Recording the death during the winter of Mrs. Gale, better known as Henriette, of Gladstone-road, Broadstairs, the "Thanet Catholic Review" states "Born in Paris during the siege of that city, she and her mother faced a German firing squad when Henriette was only six weeks old. By the humane intervention of a German officer they were released. The occupation of Paris by the Nazis added to Mrs. Gale's sufferings during her last illness, which she bore so bravely."

Colours Installed.—The anonymous gift of a county flag by a member of St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, was recently forwarded by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, curate in charge, to the squadron leader of No. 131 (Kent) Fighter Squadron. Acknowledging the gift, the squadron leader wrote: "The flag sent by you constitutes the first squadron colours and it bears the highest traditions significant in times to come. The colours are installed in the pilots' room at flight dispersal point. Details of the presentation have been included in the official squadron record book."

Templars' Devotional Evening.—Mr. J. Packer was the speaker at the quarterly devotional meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. The meeting was presided over by Mr. T. E. McCabe, lodge deputy, and it was reported that the sum of £1 10s. had been sent to the Good Templar Orphanage as a result of the juveniles' concert the previous week. Absent friends who sent messages and greetings included Mr. T. E. Martin, Mr. M. D. Faulkner, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Debling, Miss B. Lithauer, Mr. J. Ware and Gnr. R. Whiteley. The intercession service was conducted by the lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

DIAMOND WEDDING COUPLE

CONGRATULATED BY KING AND QUEEN

Celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Knight, formerly of Ramsgate, received a telegram of congratulation from the King and Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight, who were married at Headcorn Church, Kent, on 8th April, 1882, lived in Ramsgate for over 50 years, but nine years ago moved to Elmhurst, Balfour-road, Walmer, in order to be near their son. They have retained touch with Ramsgate, however, by subscribing ever since to the ADVERTISER & ECHO, of which we are assured they read every word each week.

For over 40 years a grocer in Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, where he was also for some years sub-postmaster, Mr. Edwin David Knight was for many years vicar's warden at Holy Trinity Church. A past president of the Isle of Thanet Grocers' Association, he was one of the original members of the organisation.

A Freemason, he is a past Master of the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 3350, and a past provincial officer of the Holmesdale Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 129.

We join with their many friends in hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Knight upon the celebration of their diamond wedding.

LADY ROSALIE NEISH

AUTHORESS' SUDDEN DEATH

The death has occurred suddenly at Petworth, Sussex, of Lady Rosalie Neish, the authoress, who until the beginning of the war lived at Pierremont-avenue, Broadstairs.

Lady Neish was the widow of Sir Charles Neish, K.B.E., who died in 1934. Sir Charles was Registrar to the Privy Council and a member of the Cinque Ports bench of magistrates.

For some time Sir Charles and Lady Neish had a home at Margate and later moved to Broadstairs.

Lady Neish was a brilliant conversationalist and a woman of great charm and character.

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MARGATE

Awaiting Call Up.—P/C E. Bullard, of Margate Police Force, has been accepted for training in the R.A.F.V.R. and is awaiting a call to service.

Leave of Absence.—The Waterworks Committee of Margate Council have granted leave of absence, without pay, to Mr. J. G. Tomlin-Smith, Assistant Water Engineer, who has accepted an appointment with the Admiralty.

Retirements.—Two old servants of Margate Corporation will be retiring shortly on reaching the age of 65 years. They are Mr. G. Lawrence and Mr. A. E. Fisher, both labourers in the Surveyor's Department. Mr. Lawrence has put in 31 years service and Mr. Fisher 23 years.

Water Inspector's Salary.—Margate Council in committee have approved a recommendation of the Staffing and Salaries Sub-Committee that Mr. S. E. Fright, Chief Water Inspector, whose salary was £182 per annum, should be placed in salary Grade III, commencing at £190 per annum as from 1st April.

Flag Days.—The Watch Committee of Margate Council have granted applications for flag days to be held on behalf of Margate Ambulance Corps, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the Red Cross Fund, and a joint day for the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, and the Incorporated Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Help Society.

Funeral of Mr. W. N. Bishop.—The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery last week of Mr. Walter Nelson Bishop, of Byron-avenue, Margate, who died in Margate Hospital. Mr. Bishop, who was 77 years of age, was for 40 years in the service of the Isle of Thanet Gas, Light and Coke Co. In his younger days he used to take part in many charity concerts as a singer and dancer.

Car Offences.—For failing to hand over to the police parts of a car which had been immobilised, a fine of 10s. was imposed by Margate magistrates on Wednesday on Arthur Hawkes, of Cliff-terrace, Margate. Defendant was stated to have told a police officer he bought the car at Christmas and intended removing it from the district, but owing to pressure of work had been unable to do so. For a similar offence a fine of £1 was imposed on Mrs Beatrice Mary Friend, of Northumberland-avenue. The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said the car should not have been in the district. A permit was issued for the car to come into the borough temporarily and it was when the police were checking up on the permits that it was found that the vehicle had not been removed.

MINSTER.

Street Savings.—During the first three months of this year, Minster and Monkton street savings groups saved £976 6s. 1d.

New Treasurer.—Mr. R. L. J. Clean, manager of Lloyds Bank, Ramsgate, has been appointed treasurer to Minster Parish Council in succession to Mr. J. M. West. The annual meeting of the Council will be held to-day.

General Rate.—Councillor the Rev. T. A. Keniry stated at a meeting of Minster Parish Council on Tuesday that Eastry Rural District Council had made a general rate for the district of 12s. 8d. in the £. There was also a special rate for Minster of 1s. 2d.; making a total of 13s. 10d. in the £.

Salvage Steward.—The Chairman of Minster Parish Council (Councillor G. M. Norton) has been appointed salvage steward for the district. At a meeting of the Council on Tuesday, Councillor Mrs. F. K. Harris said that owing to the increase in salvage the work at the depot on Sunday mornings was too much for her and Mrs. Weeks.

A.T.C. Rally.—With a view to forming a local flight of the Thanet squadron of the Air Training Corps, Flt. Lt. R. Spratling, officer commanding, will address a meeting at Minster Parish Hall on Friday. Members of the Margate flights will give a physical training display and dancing will follow to music provided by the A.T.C. band.

Funeral of Mrs. C. R. Beard.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Thursday of Mrs. C. R. Beard, widow of the late Mr. Edward Beard. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Minster (Rev. A. W. MacMichael) and the mourners were the Misses F. and E. Martin (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. G. Riches (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. Durher (sister) Mr. E. Martin (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. Hilson (nephew and niece), Mrs. Isaacs (niece), Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Hollands.

HOW THE W.V.S. HELPED

Members of Ramsgate Women's Voluntary Services have reason to be satisfied with the splendid result of their efforts during Warship Week. In addition to raising over £103 by the sale of emblems, a successful social afternoon organised by them brought in a further £20.

Thanking all who helped in any way, Mrs. Edith C. Blinko, centre organiser, mentions particularly those who undertook the tedious and laborious task of making about 5,000 emblems and those who made the social such a success.

The sock-mending scheme is still going strong but needs the help of anyone possessing darning needle and thimble who will help to mend socks for the soldiers at Norland House, High-street, at 3 p.m. on Mondays.

SUNDAY CINEMA ALLOCATIONS

The Watch Committee of Margate Council have recommended that contributions amounting to £125 13s. 10d. from the profits from Sunday opening of cinemas for last year should be allocated as follows:

Margate and District General Hospital, £15; Margate District Nursing Association, £22 10s.; Alexandra Homes, £15; Margate Council of Social Service, £18 15s.; Mayoress' Distress Fund, £7 10s.; Thanet Rescue Society, £7 10s.; Cinematograph Trade Benevolent Fund, £7 10s.; Westgate Nursing Association, £3 15s.; Birchington Nursing Association, £3 15s.; Margate Police Court Mission, £8 8s. 10d.; Margate Prisoners' of War Fund, £16.

MISSING IN MALAYA

Gnr. John Arthur Steed, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Steed, of 13 Vicarage-street, St. Peter's, has been posted as mising since the occupation of Malaya, where he was serving.

An old boy of St. Peter's School, Gnr. Steed was called up for service in April, 1940, and was drafted to the Far East in December the same year. His last letter reached his parents on 8th December last.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

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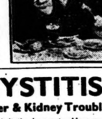

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THE FREEDOM OF THE SERVICES

KHAKI COMPENSATIONS

By RUPERT CROFT-COOKE

It would seem a contradiction in terms. Most of us, before we got into uniform, thought that our life in the services would mean a sort of pawning of personal liberty for the duration. We were handing ourselves over, as it were, to something vast and organised which would grind us into its mechanism. That, to me at least, was the most dismal thought at the time of enlistment.

Coming from a life as free as a man could make it under the servile and constricted conditions of modern life, I was awed and depressed by the thought that until I could be a civilian again my movements, recreations, time-table, even to some extent my thoughts and opinions, would be regulated by authorities against which there would be no appeal.

The greatest surprise has been that this represented a fundamental fallacy.

It is true that after a good many years of the erratic life of a writer who can do his work when and where he likes, it was irksome to rise at reveille, eat at fixed hours, parade and polish and go to bed at ordered intervals. It was irksome to feel that one had no control over one's immediate fate, to know that one might be moved here and there without the slightest choice in the matter, to be aware, as one made friends, that powers which seemed capricious might ordain a separation from them at any moment. "Years ago," said a sergeant with 18 years service, "I stopped making friends in the army. After you've got to know a crowd and been shifted away from them a dozen times you give that up."

A Great Emancipator.

All that one realised, and all that seemed at times hard to bear. But gradually it began to dawn on one that even in this matter of personal liberty the services had their own compensations, and that there was a kind of freedom in them which one had never felt before. There is, for instance, the anonymity that comes from wearing uniform. A man who throughout his civil life has had to bolster up the meagre distinction of his personality by wearing certain characteristic clothes, becomes dependent on less superficial markings. And he finds that his own self emerges from the drab khaki, and that as "Lofty" or "Blondie," "Stripey" or "Darkie," he really has a character which is impressed on his friends. But among civilians that same uniform has a liberating effect of another kind. He is no longer recognised or recognisable. If he goes into a town or to a dance he is "a soldier," or "an airman" or "a sailor." He is no longer a householder, a neighbour, an employer or an employee. He can clump along the pavement with a sense almost of invisibility, for no one notices the difference between him and a thousand others. It is as though the colour of his clothes, like camouflage, really did make him difficult to see. And those same clothes, worn by all his fellows, have done something to eliminate the petty distinctions of civil life. The silk hat, the bowler, the slouch hat, and the cap, are gone with all the social degrees they suggest. Uniform is a great leveller, and as such a great emancipator.

A Communion of Men.

Then, as the first few weeks in the services pass, a man becomes aware of another thing which frees him from the bonds of the past—a sense of irresponsibility. It is not just that income tax inspectors, rate collectors and policemen shrink to insignificance, it is that the whole previous world with its monstrous disproportions and constrictions, looks rather pompous and absurd from the crowded floor of a noisy barrack-room. A man becomes aware that in a communion of men, working patiently, without much understanding of what they are about, but very anxious to achieve it, the other world becomes something of a fantasy. The petty irritations and exigencies of home and family may still exist but are no longer insistent. Previous responsibilities and obligations are not cancelled, but they no longer nag and worry. And he escapes another servitude—the whole hocus-pocus of social convention. For one who has studiously respected the good opinion of his neighbours, who has responded to his wife's plea to be at home this evening to meet her friends, or to wear another suit to accompany her to some function, or even to resist a natural temptation to flout some of the minor rules of good manners, it is freedom indeed to eat canteen buns in the street with only the observance of the Corps of Military Police to avoid, to snatch for food at table, to be treated by the still neatly-dressed and well-behaved civilian populace as uncivilised, and to enjoy a degree of primitive and natural coarseness which would have seemed impossible in politer days.

Even in the very regimentation of his life is a certain freedom. His hours are ordered, but he need no longer plan them. The very clothes he must wear, drill order, battle order, field service marching order, these are laid down for him, so that he need give them no consideration. Until his orders are posted he gives them no thought, and for a man who has lived a normal conventional existence it is bracing to consider everything as sufficient unto the day. As for his opinions and thoughts he finds that in these the service life induces the most surprising rebellions and escapes. So far from "thinking as he is told," except for such thinking as he does on the parade ground, he finds himself thinking, arguing, believing things that seemed remote and perhaps revolutionary to him in more sheltered days. Crowded into proximity with men whom he was unlikely to meet in civil life, and with whom he would have had so little in common that an exchange of views would have been unlikely, he hears points of view and opinions which may be novel but are certainly stimulating. And he forms and expresses his own—perhaps in a way that shocks him.

A Sense of Privilege.

There are minor liberties in the service which seem unimpressive when they are listed but which to the soldier and sailor are real and valuable. To travel across England and back on leave with a railway warrant, to know that, on the whole and generally speaking, he will find the needs of that journey provided for by the good people who run canteens and rest-houses, to have the sense of privilege which comes with uniform—these may seem small, but they are not negligible. And it is no paradox to say that after two or three months of service life a week of leave represents, if only by contrast, a sense of escape which has no parallel among civilians. Only after a long term at a boarding school as a boy, or after a long term of imprisonment as a man, can a human being taste quite the exhilaration which he finds on the

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THEY FLY FROM KENT

PROUD RECORD OF THE AIR

Nearest corner of England to the enemy, Kent has seen more air fighting than any other county.

When the Luftwaffe launched the Battle of Britain, Kent skies became the chief battle arena, and when the enemy was finally beaten it was from Kentish bases that Fighter Command began its great counter-offensive.

To-day, Kent-based squadrons fly out across the narrow waters to fight over foreign soil, to beat the Germans in dog-fights over France, Holland and Belgium and to clear the sky for our bombers to attack the enemy's aerodromes, factories and ships.

More German aircraft have been shot down by fighter squadrons operating from a single base in Kent than from any other aerodrome in the United Kingdom. Between them, since war began, pilots from this one Kentish station have destroyed over 850 enemy machines.

It was from this aerodrome and its satellite landing-grounds that the first fighter patrols went out to help drive off the German bombers attacking the B.E.F. withdrawing from Dunkirk. Those fights were the prelude to the fierce air battles which followed throughout the summer when squadrons from this station were in action every day, shooting down 600 German bombers and fighters.

Since then the squadrons based on this aerodrome have been no less busy. In the van of the great offensive which began last spring, they have accounted for another 200 German aircraft in battles over the English Channel and enemy territory.

Ace Pilots.

Many of Britain's leading fighter pilots have flown from this station. Fighter Command's top scorer, Wg. Cdr. A. G. Malan, who has shot down 32 enemy aircraft, gained most of his successes while stationed at this aerodrome. He served there as a flight commander and squadron leader in the Battle of Britain, and was later promoted to lead a wing on offensive operations. Two of his former squadron commanders, Wg. Cdr. J. Rankin and M. L. Robinson, have now destroyed 18 and 16 enemy aircraft respectively, and Flt. Sgt. D. E. Kingaby, most successful of Britain's N.C.O. pilots, also fought from the station. Kingaby, now a commissioned officer, has a "bag" of 18 German aircraft—all Me. 109s.

One squadron has accounted for nearly 100 enemy machines. This squadron has a history which goes back to the last war, when the pilots operated over half a million square miles of territory in Mesopotamia and Persia. In this war the pilots were early in action against convoy raiders off the north-east coast and then "went to town for the blitz." In the September battles over London they shot down more than 60 of the daylight raiders. They have been taking part in offensive operations since last July.

Another is a Canadian squadron—the first to arrive in this country. They were in action in 1940, and have now many sorties over enemy country to their credit. Their best day in offensive fighting was 22nd November, 1941, when they shot down four Me. 109s and severely handled four others. The Canadians had just returned from a period of rest in another part of the country, and they celebrated their return to the front line in fine style. In the words of their wing commander, "those boys just sailed into the German fighters—it was great to watch them whooping down and mixing it with the Huns."

At another Kent aerodrome is a squadron whose pilots have accounted for 87 enemy machines. They were continually in action over Kent in 1940, and on one occasion shot down six Me. 109s and a Do. 215 off the Thanet coast. But their greatest day was on 15th August, when they collected a "bag" of 14, nine of their victims being shot down in the defence of Croydon.

A Spitfire squadron named after Nigeria, whose chief job is reconnaissance, has also found time to destroy some 50 enemy aircraft while operating from a Kent base. Their leading pilot, until he was recently transferred to other duties, was a Frenchman who has 18 of the enemy to his credit. Another member of the squadron, a former sergeant pilot, has shot down 15.

BEWARE !

When he yawned soon after he got up on Easter Sunday Mr. R. Richards of Gordon-square, Birchington, dislocated his jaw.

Mr. Richards was taken to Margate Hospital but was able to go home shortly afterwards.

BIRCHINGTON

Gunner's Gift.—Gnr. A. G. W. Welch, R.A., of Birchington, who was recently stationed in Fleetwood, presented two embroidered cushions to the Mayor of Fleetwood in appreciation of the hospitality he received from the people of the town. The cushions were offered as prizes in connection with a competition held during Fleetwood Warship Week. The competition realised £125, which was presented to Fleetwood Hospital in Savings Certificates.

Black-Out Offences.—At Margate police court on Wednesday Mrs. Helen Britton, of Calway-avenue, Birchington, was fined £1 for permitting a light to shine from her house on the night of 22nd March. Defendant explained that the electricity supply failed during the evening and when it was restored during the night the light shone from a bedside lamp which must have been switched on. A fine of 10s. was imposed on Mrs. Grace Ellen Williamson, of Church Hill-villa, Canterbury-road, Birchington, who pleaded guilty to a similar offence. Defendant wrote stating that she did not notice the light when she left the house as the sun was shining into the room.

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first morning of his leave as he lies in bed and hears his breakfast being prepared, and knows that he can remain there all day if he wishes.

But the greatest freedom of all comes with the comradeship of the services. Watch half a dozen men in a public bar at night, men in uniform who a year or two years ago would have been so contrasted in type and appearance that their gathering together would have been impossible, watch their faces, listen to their talk, notice that slightly piratical manner of theirs, that indifference to opinion which has become a part of them, and you will never again believe that service life constricts a man. You will believe, as I do now, in the freedom of the services.

INCREASE THE YIELDS OF ALL YOUR FIELDS

The nation must have Milk

PLAN NOW FOR WINTER

Ships cannot be spared for feeding-stuffs. Concentrates will be very short next winter. You must grow all the keep your herd will need. Plan now for ample supplies of

. . . Kale—the winter equivalent of summer grass. Fresh green food for the herd for autumn and winter. Get Growmore Leaflet No. 27, "Kale for Winter Feed," from the Ministry of Agriculture, Hotel Lindum, St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs.

. . . Mangolds—they give you a greater weight of food per acre than any other crop and do well on newly ploughed grass.

. . . Silage—High quality silage made from young grass replaces concentrates. 3 tons is equal in feeding value to ½ ton of dairy cake.

This is vital. If in any difficulty, apply to your County Committee

FARMERS AND WORKERS: *Yours is a vital task. Make the most of every hour. Work your hardest. Plan ahead. Use all your skill. Get the most out of your farm machines. No machine—no workers—must stand idle when a neighbour is in need*

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR

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VIGOROUS CURATE

TRIBUTE TO REV. R. D. d'E. MEREDITH

A tribute to the energy and service given by the curate in charge, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, was paid at the joint annual meeting of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Churches, held at St. Peter's on Tuesday.

The financial statement showed that St. Peter's had a balance of £21 2s. 5d. on the maintenance funds at the end of the year, compared with £4 10s. 10s. the previous year. The total income was £828 4s. 5d., which included offertories £145 3s. 10d., free-will offerings £162 1s. 3d. (against £152 13s. the previous year) and Sir Edmund Vestey £50. Special collections in aid of local and national charities amounted to £53 13s. Other accounts which recorded balances were: Sick and needy £29 4s. 10d.; Vicar's general fund £46 11s. 5d.; and the Parish School and Old Room £29 4s. 6d.

The daughter church of St. Andrew's, Reading Street, closed the financial year with a balance of £50 11s. 2d., compared with £41 0s. 1d. the previous year. The offertories amounted to £86 8s. 5d. and the free-will offerings £16 7s. 6d. against £20 13s. 11d. last year. The gift day realised £11 1s. 2d. and the total income was £233 13s. 8d. A sum of £19 7s. 6d. was contributed to charities.

The Diocesan Conference representatives were appointed as follows: Miss Slater and Miss J. H. Bartrum, and the Ruridecanal representatives: Miss Greene, Mr. A. G. Hiscoke, Mrs. Appleton and Mr. E. Catt. Other active officers of the church were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mrs. Oak-Rhind to St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Meredith said the class of people who were now attending the church were those who were determined that the doors should not be closed. Many wealthy subscribers had passed away and in the existing abnormal conditions it was the sixpence that counted.

Mr. Lewis Harrison was re-appointed Vicar's warden at the annual vestry meeting, which preceded the parochial meeting, and Mr. Meredith thanked him for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Councillor H. Noble was unanimously re-elected people's warden and Mr. M. Miskin hon. secretary and vestry clerk.

Tribute to Mr. Meredith's work throughout another difficult year was paid by Councillor Noble and Mr. Harrison.

Mr. L. Bing was appointed warden St. Andrew's Church.

CAPTURED BUFFS

Buffs reported in War Office casualty lists to be prisoners of war include:

Pte. W. A. Boyden, A/L/Cpl. T. F. Burton, Ptes. F. J. Clements, J. H. Costen, F. E. Daniels, F. W. Ephgrave, E. S. L. Finn, Dmr. L. C. Green, Ptes. J. T. Haggarty, W. A. Houston, G. Jones, J. R. Logan, J. A. Mellors, J. W. Millis, Cpl. J. P. Nye, Pte. W. H. Parsons, C/Q/M/S F. L. Pawley, Pte. S. Pilson, Sgt. L. B. Rawle, L/Cpl. W. B. Reeve, Ptes. C. H. Rosendale, E. R. Scamp, W. Sharp, L/Cpl. F. G. Slade, Ptes. J. Smith, A. F. Stanley, H. H. H. Tew, A. R. Tolley, N. M. Walford, A. R. Webb, T. W. White, C. T. Wilson, A. C. Wood, C. H. Yard.

Ptes. J. Ahearn, E. G. Brown, V. V. Cobb, V. E. Crodsett, P. F. Cull, Bdsmn. H. T. Dixon, Ptes. L. Ennis, F. R. Fast, Sgt. F. J. Green, L/Cpl. S. G. Harris, Ptes. R. S. Hone, A. Jeff, J. Mepham, L/Cpls. J. Morgan, W. J. C. North, Ptes. M. O'Shea, V. A. Payne, W. Peacock, S. J. Plumb, F. Redman, J. W. Richardson, Bdsman. T. Roberts, Ptes. W. Seaman, H. H. Sherwood, E. W. Smith, C. F. Stone, L/Cpl. F. Stubbersfield, Ptes. E. H. Thompson, W. C. Truelove, W. J. Vernan, J. C. Ward, Cpl. G. A. J. Whatford, Ptes. S. F. Whiteman, C. T. Willis, J. E. Wolfe.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Blackburn.—6th April, at Tenterden, to Ethel, wife of W. E. Blackburn, of Ramsgate, a son.

Carpenter.—5th April, at Hawkhurst, the wife of Norman Carpenter, of a daughter.

Haslewood.—1st April, at The White Lodge, Margate-road, Ramsgate, to Joan, wife of R. N. L. D. Haslewood, a daughter (Dallas Elizabeth Jane).

Stafford.—4th April, at 77 College-road, Margate, the wife of Julian Stafford, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Beal—Ballard.—6th April, at St. Peter's Church, Charles Horace Beal, of Pitsea, Essex, to Hilda Doris Ballard, of Broadstairs.

Butcher—Moody.—6th April, at Cavendish Baptist Church, Ramsgate, Herbert Lloyd Butcher, of Slough, to Doris Mary Moody, of Ramsgate.

Davies—Brookman.—8th April, at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, Alfred Davies, of Presteign, to Kathleen Brookman, of Margate.

England—Miller.—4th April, at Mickleham Church, Leatherhead, William Carlyle England, of Calgary, Canada, to Hilda Joan Miller, of Birchington and Torquay.

Fuller—Tucker.—4th April, at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, by the Rev. C. H. Bailey, George William Lenny Fuller, of Wood Green, to Alice Georgina Tucker, of Broadstairs.

Howes—Weir.—4th April, in London, William T. Howes, of Upminster, to Caroline M. Weir, of Broadstairs.

Kemp—Anning.—4th April, at St. Clement's Church, Sandwich, by the Rev. M. M. Vischer, Sidney Walter James Kemp, of Sandwich, to Peggy Anning, of Ramsgate.

Male—Heyes.—4th April, at Minster Parish Church, by the Rev. A. W. MacMichael, Cecil Male to Evelyn Heyes, both of Minster.

Miles—Hollands.—5th April, at St. Peter's Methodist Church, by the Rev. F. J. Bomford, Henry Herbert Miles, of Margate, to Jessie Olive Hollands, of St. Peter's.

Mills—Burnage.—6th April, at St. John's Church, Margate, by the Rev. A. Mapson, Geoffrey Edmund Mills, of Margate, to Doris Burnage, of Edworth.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Knight—Lukehurst.—8th April, 1882, at Headcorn Church, Kent, by the Rev. Henry D. Sewell, Edwin David Knight to Harriett Lukehurst, for 50 years resident in Ramsgate. A telegram of congratulation was received from Their Majesties the King and Queen. Present address: Elmhurst, Balfour-road, Walmer.

DEATHS

Beerling.—4th April, at Halls Farm, Copping Hall, near Stafford, Edward H. Beerling, late of Newington, aged 72 years.

Bishop.—9th April, at Tyrwhitt, Bradstow-way, Broadstairs, Archibald Charles Bishop, D.S.M., M.S.M., late R.N., aged 70 years.

Brundle.—6th April, at 19 Wrekin-road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, Gordon Walter, the third beloved son of Mrs. and the late Mr. N. Brundle, of Park-road, Ramsgate, aged 24. Also in loving memory of my dear husband, suddenly called on 28th April, 1932.

God takes our loved ones from us but not from our memory.

Collier.—6th April, at 11 Grotto-gardens, Margate, Sarah Collier, aged 31 years.

Latter.—26th March, at Maidstone, Albert Arthur Latter, of 41 Edith-road, Ramsgate, aged 67 years.

Taylor.—10th April, Frederick Taylor, of The Wells Cottage, Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs, at 15 Ashurst-road, Cockfosters, Herts.

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